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An Act To Restore the Laws Governing the Reunification of Parents and Children

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach. Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, MADIGAN of Waterville, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, MORALES of South Portland, Senator: CHENETTE of York. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4003, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2017, c. 470, §1, is further
amended to read:

3. Rehabilitation and reunification as a priority. Require that reasonable efforts
be made to rehabilitate and reunify families <u>Give family rehabilitation and reunification</u>
<u>priority</u> as a means for protecting the welfare of children, but prevent needless delay for
permanent plans for children when rehabilitation and reunification is not possible;

SUMMARY

9 Recently enacted law eliminated language that established as a priority under the 10 Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act family rehabilitation and 11 reunification. This bill restores family rehabilitation and reunification as a priority under 12 the laws governing child protective services.