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L.D. 831

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 605, L.D. 831, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Grandparents and Great-grandparents Have Visitation Rights"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Concerning Visitation Rights of Great-grandparents'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1801, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

§1801. Short title

This chapter is known and may be cited as the "Grandparents and Great-grandparents Visitation Act."

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §1802, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §37 and affected by Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Grandparent. "Grandparent" is a parent of a child's parent or the parent of the parent of a child's parent. "Grandparent" includes a parent of a child's parent whose parental rights have been terminated pursuant to Title 18-C, section 9-204 or Title 22, chapter 1071, subchapter 6, but only until the child's adoption.

Sec. 3. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause. In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, chapter 59, in the chapter headnote, the words "visitation rights of grandparents" are amended to read "visitation rights of grandparents and great-grandparents" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the bill, which is a concept draft, and replaces the title accordingly. It amends the definition of "grandparent" in the Grandparents Visitation Act to include great-grandparents. It also amends the title of the chapter of the statutes and the short title of the Act to include great-grandparents. This amendment does not affect the standing requirements or the standard for awarding visiting rights.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 05/03/19 *mac*

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 831

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An Act To Ensure Grandparents and Great-grandparents Have Visitation Rights

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-315)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional filing fees may increase General Fund and other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.