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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1480, L.D. 2079, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Family Law Advisory Commission Concerning Adoption and Minor Guardianship"

Amend the bill in Part B in section 2 in subsection 3-A by striking out all of paragraph A (page 3, lines 24 and 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'A. With respect to subsection 3, paragraph B, subparagraph (1), the background and qualities of a prospective adoptive parent who is not already the parent of the child; and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of Part C.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It clarifies that when the parent of a child is petitioning with that parent's spouse to adopt the child as a couple, often referred to as a stepparent adoption, the court is required to make findings about the background and qualities of the prospective adoptive parent, also referred to as the stepparent, and not the person who is already the child's parent.

This amendment strikes out all of Part C, which proposes post-adoption contact for siblings separated by adoption.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 03/06/20 *MAC*

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2079

LR 3166(02)

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Family Law Advisory Commission Concerning
Adoption and Minor Guardianship**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-758)*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.