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An Act To Amend the Service Fee for Child Support Services

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2103, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 477, Pt. L, §2,
3 is further amended to read:

4 **3-A. Service fee.** In the case of an individual who has never received assistance
5 under a state program and for whom the State has collected at least ~~\$500~~ \$550 in child
6 support, the State shall impose an annual ~~\$25~~ \$35 fee for each child support enforcement
7 case that is:

8 A. Retained by the State from child support collected on behalf of the individual
9 after the collected support exceeds ~~\$500~~ \$550;

10 B. Paid by the individual applying for services;

11 C. Recovered from the noncustodial parent; or

12 D. Paid by the State out of its own funds. The annual fee may not be considered as
13 an administrative cost of the State for operation of child support enforcement services
14 and must be considered income to the program under which the individual has
15 received child support enforcement services.

16 The nonfederal share of the annual fee collected pursuant to this subsection must be
17 deposited as General Fund undedicated revenue.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill amends the service fee for child support services to \$35 annually for those
20 individuals receiving at least \$550 in support collected for the federal fiscal year.