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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 222, L.D. 504, “An Act to Improve Family Court Procedure”

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1653-B in subsection 1 in the 6th line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "physical or emotional"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1653-B in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the last line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "physical or emotional"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1653-B in subsection 3 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 36 and 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "physical or emotional"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes one Judge position, one Deputy Marshal position and one Assistant Clerk position effective January 1, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$192,895	\$402,799
All Other	\$31,530	\$15,930
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$224,425	\$418,729

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for printing costs to update a Guide to Family Separation in Maine.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$10,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$234,425	\$418,729
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$234,425</u>	<u>\$418,729</u>

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

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the legal standard for issuing an ex parte emergency parental rights order. Under the amendment, the plaintiff must show that there is an immediate and present risk of substantial harm to the health or safety of the child. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)