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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 648, L.D. 1831, “An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process”

Amend the amendment by striking out the first 5 paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 11 to 20 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. 4 MRSA §183, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. C, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Interim orders in actions involving divorce, legal separation, parentage or parental rights, including interim orders in postjudgment proceedings arising out of these actions, ~~except that a contested motion concerning interim parental rights and responsibilities, excluding interim child support orders, may be determined by the family law magistrate only if both parties consent to determination of the issue or issues in dispute by the family law magistrate;~~

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 9.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to remove provisions directing the Chief Judge of the District Court to employ 12 family law magistrates and providing funding. It also amends the legislation to remove a provision directing the State Court Administrator to provide necessary staff for the family law magistrates.

SPONSORED BY: _____

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COUNTY: Cumberland

SENATE AMENDMENT