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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 888, L.D. 2095, “An Act to Require Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect to Military Family Advocacy Programs”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the State can assist the United States Department of Defense in its mission to protect children of military families from abuse or neglect by identifying as military personnel a person alleged to have committed abuse or neglect of a child and reporting the allegation to a military family advocacy program when an investigation has been initiated; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period so the Department of Health and Human Services can immediately begin negotiating memoranda of understanding with military family advocacy programs at military installations in the State with respect to child abuse and neglect investigations; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**