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LD 1735

Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

Please vote Ought NOT to Pass on LD 1735. This bill is downright dangerous as it tries to legalize kidnapping for the purpose of receiving gender-affirming therapy (reference Sec. 8. 19-A MRSA §1752, sub-§4 "a court may not consider as a factor weighing against the petitioner any taking of the child, or retention of the child after a visit or other temporary relinquishment of physical custody, from the person who has legal custody, if there is evidence that the taking or retention of the child was for the purposes of obtaining gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care for the child).

This wicked bill also allows the courts to take custody of a child if his/her parent(s) don't consent to gender-affirming care (reference Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §1748, sub-§1 "A court of this State has temporary emergency jurisdiction if the child is present in this State and...the child has been unable to obtain gender-affirming health care or gender-affirming mental health care.").

The truth is that all children belong to God. God creates these children and grants them to their parents, who have the God-given right and responsibility for the welfare of the children. That authority does not, and should not, rest with the state concerning matters of gender therapy. This bill is terrible for Maine and even worse for Maine children. Please vote Ought NOT to Pass.