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### An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Child Support Enforcement

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and  
Representatives: BENNETT of Kennebunk, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PARRY of Arundel,  
STUCKEY of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §4422, sub-§17** is enacted to read:

3 **17. Resources to pay child support.** The debtor's interest in funds or assets that are  
4 necessary for the debtor to pay child support that is required for an existing or anticipated  
5 support order as defined by Title 19-A, section 2101, subsection 13.

6 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §2110** is enacted to read:

7 **§2110. Priority**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a support order or any  
9 order, lien, assignment of income, execution, garnishment or attachment issued under this  
10 chapter has priority over any previously filed order, lien, assignment of income,  
11 execution, garnishment or attachment that is not made for the purpose of enforcing or  
12 paying child support.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides an exemption from attachment and execution for any debtor's  
15 interest in funds or assets that are necessary for the debtor to pay child support. This bill  
16 also provides that child support orders have priority over previously filed orders that are  
17 not made for the purpose of enforcing or paying child support.