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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 42, L.D. 47, Bill, “An Act To Retain the Position of Parent Coordinator in the Judicial Branch”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1659, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 345, §2, is amended to read:

9. Repeal. This section is repealed January 1, ~~2014~~ 2016.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funds for one limited-period Parent Coordinator Program Coordinator position and related costs.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$58,063	\$84,158
All Other	\$10,250	\$7,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$68,313</u>	<u>\$91,158</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

The bill removes the January 1, 2014 repeal of the court's express authority to appoint parenting coordinators. This amendment extends the provision to January 1, 2016 to

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1 allow the development of more data to determine if the use of parenting coordinators is
2 beneficial. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)