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An Act Regarding the Factors Considered in Determining the Best Interest of a Child in a Court Award of Parental Rights and Responsibilities

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BECK of Waterville. Cosponsored by Representatives: LONGSTAFF of Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow.

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

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- Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2
 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:
- B. The relationship of the child with the child's parents and any other persons who
 may significantly affect the child's welfare, including but not limited to current
 spouses or domestic partners of the child's parents;
 - **SUMMARY**
- 8 Current law requires the court, in deciding issues regarding a child's residence and 9 parent-child contact, to consider the relationship of the child with persons who may 10 significantly affect the child's welfare. This bill specifically includes in this category of 11 persons the current spouses or domestic partners of the child's parents.