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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 458, L.D. 1408, “An Act To Increase the Protection of Children from Domestic Abuse and Violence”

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

'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1553, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 406, §1, is amended to read:

B. Core training; and. Core training must include no less than 6 hours on domestic abuse and violence, developed and provided in collaboration with a statewide coalition of domestic violence resource centers, on the following topics:

- (1) The domestic abuse tactics affecting adult and child safety and security after separation;
- (2) The effects of domestic abuse and violence on children and conditions that support resilience;
- (3) Best practices for recognizing, asking about and assessing the effects of abuse on the parenting relationship; and
- (4) Methods for reducing post-separation abuse of the nonabusive parent and promoting child safety and security; and

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1553, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 406, §1, is amended to read:

3. Continuing education. Continuing education requirements, including no less than 2 hours of training annually on the impact of domestic abuse and violence on children, the services available in the State for victims of domestic abuse and violence and their children and interventions for those who commit domestic abuse and violence;

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires that the core training provided to guardians ad litem must include no less than 6 hours on domestic abuse and violence. The amendment requires that continuing education for guardians ad litem must include at least 2 hours of training annually on the impact of domestic abuse and violence on children, the services available in Maine for victims of domestic abuse and violence and their children and interventions for those who commit domestic abuse and violence. The amendment contains an effective date of January 1, 2022.