

IN RE CHILDREN OF RICHARD P.

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Decided January 14, 2025

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Richard P. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Belfast, *Gilbert, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his two children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b) (2024). We affirm the judgment because (1) there is competent evidence in the record to support the court's findings of parental unfitness on at least one of the grounds set out in 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b); and (2) the court did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interests of these children under 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a). *See In re Children of Anthony L.*, 2019 ME 62, ¶¶ 6, 12, 207 A.3d 624.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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With leave of the Court, the Department of Health and Human Services did not file a brief

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