

IN RE CHILD OF ANDREA K.

Submitted on Briefs November 18, 2021

Decided November 30, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Andrea K. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Skowhegan, *Benson, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a),(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2021). Because the parent failed to file a motion for further or clarified findings pursuant to Maine Rules of Civil Procedure 52(b), we will not consider the parent's challenge to the trial court's independent judgment based on the court's adoption of a party's proposed order. *In re Caleb M.*, 2017 ME 66, ¶ 15, 159 A.3d 345. Even if we did, the trial court's order contained many changes from the proposed order indicating the independent judgment of the Court.

Contrary to the mother's contentions, the record provides support for the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, to support at least one ground of unfitness. *In re Child of Erica H.*, 2019 ME 66, ¶ 9, 207 A.3d 1197; *In re Olivia F.*, 2019 ME 149, ¶ 5, 217 A.3d 1106. Additionally, the court's determination that termination of the mother's rights was in the best interest of the child was not an abuse of discretion. *See In re Bentley G.*, 2017 ME 238, ¶ 3, 176 A.3d 724.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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