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CHAPTER 132

H. P. 620 — L. D. 703

AN ACT to Facilitate the Distribution of Child Custody Reports.

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 751, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 4, is further amended to read:

Whenever in any divorce action the custody of a minor child is involved, the court may request the State Department of Human Services to investigate conditions and circumstances of the child and ~~its~~ his parents.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA § 751, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 299, is further amended to read:

Upon completion of investigation, the department shall submit a written report to the court **and to counsel of record** at least 3 days before date of hearing.

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA § 751, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 4, is further amended by adding after the 2nd sentence 2 new sentences to read:

The report shall not be further copied or distributed by anyone. A person who violates a provision of this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

Sec. 4. 19 MRSA § 751, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 299, is repealed as follows:

~~Such report shall be made available by the clerk of said court for examination by counsel before hearing~~

Sec. 5. 19 MRSA § 752, first ¶, 5th sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, § 5, is further amended to read:

It may alter its order concerning the care, custody and support of the minor children from time to time as circumstances require, whether or not either parent be then living, upon motion of either party, such society or institution as aforesaid, the State Department of Human Services, any 3rd person to whom care or custody has been granted, any blood relative or any person standing in loco parentis to said minor children; change the name of the wife, at her request; and in execution of the powers given it under this Title may employ any compulsory process which it deems proper, by execution, attachment or other effectual form, on which costs shall be taxed as in other actions.