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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1068

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bagley of Winthrop.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Establish Privileged Communication for School Counselors.

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

20 MRSA § 806, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 484, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph, the following new paragraph to read:

This privilege covers verbal communications and private working notes with the client. Privileged notes or working notes are intended for the use of the counselor only. Such notes become a part of a pupil record once they are shared with anyone but the client.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Federal law, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, approved December 31, 1974 require that such notes be included in a pupil's record.