

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 109

House of Representatives, February 14, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARSANO of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Hallowell and Representative RICHARDS of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Provide Greater Power to the Maine District Court in
Emancipation Proceedings.



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

3 **15 MRSA §3506-A, sub-§§2-A and 2-B** are enacted to read:

5 2-A. Mediation. Upon the filing of a petition and prior to
7 a hearing under this section, the court may refer the parties to
9 mediation. Any agreement reached by the parties through
11 mediation on any issues shall be reduced to writing, signed by
13 the parties and presented to the court for approval as a court
15 order. The court may impose an appropriate sanction upon a
17 party's failure without good cause to appear for mediation after
19 receiving notice of the scheduled time for mediation.

21 2-B. Medical records. Upon filing of a petition and prior
23 to a hearing under this section, the court may order the
25 immediate release of copies of all medical records of the
27 juvenile to the juvenile's guardian, custodian or attorney. All
29 medical records obtained pursuant to this subsection are
31 confidential and shall not be disseminated to any person other
33 than as provided by the court's order. For purposes of this
section, "medical records" means all the records of the
examination or treatment of a juvenile, in whatever medium
preserved, including, but not limited to, records which are made
confidential by any other provision of law.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that, upon the filing of a petition by a juvenile for emancipation from the juvenile's parent or parents, guardian or custodian, the court may refer the parties to mediation and order the immediate release of the juvenile's medical records.