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H.P. 210

House of Representatives, February 5, 1991

Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
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 ANTHONY of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative DORE of Auburn, Representative STEVENS of Bangor and Representative RICHARDS of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Promote the Emotional Health of Children During Periods of Stress.



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

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19 MRSA §752, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

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4-A. Parental education. In appropriate cases, the court may require parties with minor children to attend a parental education program prior to a contested hearing under this section. The Supreme Judicial Court may establish, by rule, procedures implementing a mandatory educational program. The program must be self-supporting without the appropriation of public funds and must provide for the waiver of fees upon a showing of indigency.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill gives to the Supreme Judicial Court the authority to require parties with minor children to attend an educational program prior to contested hearings concerning parental rights and responsibilities and support and maintenance.