

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act to Ensure Children's Rights Concerning Visitation and Access.**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on February 7, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LANE of Enfield.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BIRNEY of Paris, CHICK of Lebanon, JONES of Pittsfield,  
JOY of Crystal, LUMBRA of Bangor, RICE of South Bristol, STEDMAN of Hartland,  
UNDERWOOD of Oxford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §214, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

6 12. Enforcement. The court shall enforce rights of contact  
and visitation through the imposition of fines, imprisonment and  
modification of orders concerning parental rights and  
8 responsibilities when appropriate.

10 **Sec. 2. 19 MRSA §581, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 652,  
§43, is further amended to read:

12 **11. Enforcement.** The court may enforce obedience to its  
14 orders by appropriate process including remedies provided in  
chapter 14-A. The court shall enforce rights of contact and  
16 visitation through the imposition of fines, imprisonment and  
modification of orders concerning parental rights and  
18 responsibilities when appropriate. Nothing in this section may  
preclude the court from incarcerating a spouse for nonpayment of  
20 child support, alimony or attorney's fees in violation of a court  
order to do so.

22 **Sec. 3. 19 MRSA §752, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

24 14. Enforcement. The court shall enforce rights of contact  
26 and visitation through the imposition of fines, imprisonment and  
modification of orders concerning parental rights and  
28 responsibilities when appropriate.

30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This bill requires the court to enforce visitation rights  
34 and other rights of contact through the imposition of fines,  
terms of imprisonment and any other appropriate sanctions  
36 available to the court, including modification of orders  
allocating parental rights and responsibilities.