

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 20, 1997

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### An Act Pertaining to Parental Access to School Records.

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LANE of Enfield.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JOY of Crystal, MACK of Standish, STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6001-A is enacted to read:

6 §6001-A. Parental notification and access to records

8 1. Parental notification. Upon written request by a  
parent, a school unit shall provide written notification of all  
10 school activities and programs that require or include as a  
component parental participation, involvement, notification or  
awareness.

12 2. Parental access to records. A school unit shall make  
14 available to a parent during regular business hours all records  
relating to that parent's child's education and school  
16 activities. This access must include but is not limited to the  
following:

18 A. All aspects of the curriculum with which the child is  
20 being instructed;

22 B. Standardized tests administered to the child;

24 C. Results of standardized tests administered to the child  
26 and averages for the child's school; and

28 D. Freedom to inspect the child's records of medical  
history, including counseling or psychological treatment.

30 3. Exemption. This section does not apply to a parent  
32 denied parental rights and responsibilities in a court order.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill requires a school unit to provide written  
notification upon request to a parent of all school activities  
38 and programs that require or include parental participation,  
involvement, notification or awareness. It further requires  
40 school units to make available to parents all records relating to  
their child's education and school activities, including  
42 curriculum, standardized tests and results and medical history.  
The provisions of this bill do not apply to a parent denied  
44 parental rights and responsibilities in a court order.