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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

Legislative Document	No. 1010
H.P. 720	House of Representatives, February 4, 1999
An Act Regarding the Family Court.	

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

SOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §183, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
4	269, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:
6	D. Family case management officers shall employ appropriate case management techniques and have jurisdiction to hear and
8	dispose of the following matters:
10	(1) Interim orders in actions involving the establishment, modification or enforcement of child
12	support;
14	(2) Interim orders in actions involving divorce, legal separation, paternity or parental rights, including
16	interim orders in post-judgment proceedings arising out of these actions, except that a contested motion
18	concerning interim parental rights and responsibilities, excluding interim child support
20	orders, may be determined by the family case management officer only if both parties consent to determination
22	of the issue or issues in dispute by the family case management officer;
24	(3) Final orders in any of the matters included in
26	subparagraphs (1) and (2) when the proceeding is uncontested;
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30	(4) Final orders in a contested proceeding when child support is the only contested issue or when both parties consent to determination of the issues in
32	dispute by the family case management officer; and
34	(5) Other actions assigned by the Chief Judge of the District Court.
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42	This bill gives the family case management officer in the Family Division of the District Court authority to hear contested

family cases and enter final orders if both parties agree.