

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### An Act To Deter Parental Alienation

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: HOBBS of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4006, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9. Parties with minor children. If a protection order is sought under this chapter**  
4 **on behalf of a minor child and the only evidence of abuse is from one parent of the minor**  
5 **child against the other parent of the minor child and the court determines relief should be**  
6 **granted, the order must be made without a finding of abuse against the minor child.**

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill requires that a protection order granting relief not be issued with a finding of  
9 abuse against the minor child when the protection order is sought on behalf of a minor  
10 child and the only evidence of abuse is from one parent of the minor child against the  
11 other parent of the minor child.