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House of Representatives, February 19, 2009

An Act To Protect Parental Relationships during and after Divorce

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BLODGETT of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BOLAND of Sanford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CROCKETT of Augusta, GILBERT of Jay, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAGNAN of Stockton Springs, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

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### **CONCEPT DRAFT**

#### SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill seeks to provide that when a parent's relationship with a minor child of that parent is negatively affected by a court order either during or after a proceeding for divorce and the court has not made a finding of unfitness with respect to that parent, that parent must immediately be given an opportunity to repair the relationship with the child in keeping with the best interests of the child.

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