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**Fees:**

**Service**.....

**Travel**.....

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA § 3123, as amended by PL 1973, c. 477, § 3, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

**If in-hand service cannot be made upon the debtor, the court, for good cause shown, may order that service be made by any method by which civil summons may be made, and the court shall specify that method. That order for alternative service shall issue only upon written motion and the order and return of service shall be filed together with the subpoena pursuant to section 3126.**

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA § 3137, as amended by PL 1973, c. 477, § 9, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**The State, its municipalities, agencies and subdivisions shall not be exempt from orders under this section.**

Effective September 18, 1981

**CHAPTER 390**

**H. P. 1108 — L. D. 1313**

**AN ACT Concerning Access by Adopted Children to Biological Family Medical Files.**

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 533, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 733, § 11, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

**The department or licensed adoption agency shall obtain whatever medical or genetic information on the child and the parents that is available.**

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA § 533, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 733, § 11, is further amended by adding after the 3rd sentence a new sentence to read:

**Any available medical or genetic information on the child or parents shall be placed in the court records and shall be supplied to the adoptive parents.**

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA § 534 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Any medical or genetic information in the court records relating to an adoption shall be made available to the adopted child upon reaching the age of 18, his descendants, adoptive parents or legal guardian on petition to the court.

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## CHAPTER 391

### H. P. 1177 — L. D. 1401

#### AN ACT Relating to Compulsory School Attendance and the Enforcement of Truancy.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 911, sub-§ 8, 2nd and 3rd sentences, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 499, § 1, are amended to read:

Any person having control of a child who is a habitual truant as defined in section 914 and being in any way primarily responsible for such truancy, and any commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$200 shall be adjudged. Any person who induces a child to absent himself from school, or harbors or conceals such child when he is absent shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$25 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days for each offense. If the commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$500 shall be adjudged. The court imposes a sentence of probation, it may in its sentence, as a condition of probation require that the convicted person receive professional counseling by a qualified professional counselor who shall be selected by the convicted person, with the approval of the court, or by the court.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 966, sub-§ 1, 4th and 5th sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 696, § 174, are amended to read:

Any resident pupil counted in a unit or school on October 15th shall maintain a minimum attendance of ~~85%~~ 75% between October 15th and April 15th, exclusive of sickness or other excused absences, to be included in the count on April 15th. Students transferring into a unit or school shall maintain a minimum attendance of ~~85%~~ 75%, exclusive of sickness or other excused absences, from the date of entry until April 15th to be counted in the April 15th count.

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## CHAPTER 392

### H. P. 1183 — L. D. 1407