

ParentalRights.org Proposal:

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1651, as amended by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. C, §17 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is further amended to read:

§1651. Parents joint natural guardians of children

1. The parents are the joint natural guardians of their minor children and are jointly entitled to the care, custody, control, services, and earnings of their children. Neither parent has any rights paramount to the rights of the other with reference to any matter affecting their children.

2. The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, and care of the parent's child is a fundamental right.

3. Neither the State nor any agency or locality thereof shall infringe this right without demonstrating that such infringement is narrowly tailored and constitutes the least restrictive limitation necessary to achieve a compelling government interest.