

CHAPTER 136

SB 70-FN – FINAL VERSION

2009 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***70-FN***

AN ACT authorizing the office of mediation and arbitration within the judicial branch to provide pre-suit alternative dispute resolution services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Reynolds, Dist 2; Rep. Cote, Hills 23

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the office of mediation and arbitration within the judicial branch to provide pre-suit alternative dispute resolution services.

This bill is a request of the supreme court.

 Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

136:1 Office of Mediation and Arbitration; Duties. Amend RSA 490-E:2, III and IV to read as follows:

III. Serve as an alternative dispute resolution resource to courts; [~~and~~]

IV. Support the administration of alternative dispute resolution programs in all courts[~~];~~ ***and***

136:2 New Paragraph; Office of Mediation and Arbitration; Duties. Amend RSA 490-E:2 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. Facilitate voluntary pre-suit mediation or arbitration services, in accordance with rules adopted by the supreme court, as an option in cases which would otherwise be filed in the trial courts.

136:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 29, 2009

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