

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1768**

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7 H. P. 1778 House of Representatives, January 7, 1982  
8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to  
9 Joint Rule 26.

10 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence  
11 and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Tarbell of Bangor.

12 Cosponsors: Representative Michaud of East Millinocket, Repre-  
13 sentative Livesay of Brunswick and Representative Lund of Augusta.

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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO

18 **AN ACT to Permit the Juvenile Court to Impose**  
19 **Parental Financial Support Orders in Certain**  
20 **Cases Under the Juvenile Code.**

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

22 **15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3 is enacted to read:**

23 3. Parental Support. Whenever the court commits a  
24 juvenile, or a person over the age of 18 years adjudicated  
25 as having committed a juvenile crime prior to attaining 18  
26 years of age, to the Department of Mental Health and Correc-  
27 tions or the Department of Human Services pursuant to sub-  
28 section 1, paragraphs C and D, the court may also order his  
29 parents or legal guardian to pay to the appropriate depart-  
30 ment any portion, up to the full amount, required to support  
31 and educate him while so committed if the court finds, and  
32 to the extent it finds, the parents or legal guardian are

1 financially capable of doing so.

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 This bill amends the Juvenile Code to permit the court  
4 to order a juvenile's parents or legal guardian, who has the  
5 financial ability, to pay support for the child when the  
6 court has committed the child to the State under auspices of  
7 the Department of Human Services or the Department of Mental  
8 Health and Corrections. Currently, there is no provision  
9 for the court to require parents to support their children  
10 at all when the juvenile has been committed to a state  
11 agency pursuant to a juvenile proceeding.

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