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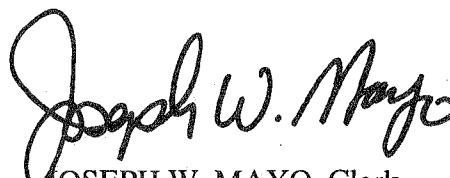
No. 862

H.P. 637

House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

**Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Examine the Laws Pertaining to
Juvenile Offenders.**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, JOY of Crystal, MACK of Standish,
MADORE of Augusta, POWERS of Rockport, Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, MURRAY of
Penobscot.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Examine the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Offenders, referred to
4 in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it
further

6 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of the following 6 members appointed by the Governor:

- 8 1. One member of the law enforcement community;
10 2. One juvenile intake worker;
12 3. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal
14 Justice; and
16 4. Two members of the public; and be it further

18 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
20 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
22 Legislative Council must be notified by the appointing authority
once the selections have been made. Within 15 days after
24 appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative Council
shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. The
26 commission shall select a chair from among its members; and be it
further

28 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall review the
30 current laws involving juvenile crimes and make recommendations
for changes to those laws to provide for habitual juvenile
32 offenders and for juvenile offenders whose acts the citizens of
the State find unconscionable. The commission shall also make
34 recommendations for juveniles who have attained emancipation to
be treated as adults except with respect to correctional housing;
and be it further

36 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of
38 Corrections shall provide staff assistance to the commission; and
be it further

40 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That all members of the
42 commission are entitled to travel expenses upon application to
the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for those
44 expenses; and be it further

46 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
48 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice no later than
January 1, 1998. If the commission requires an extension it may
50 apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve establishes the Commission to Examine the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Offenders to make recommendations for habitual juvenile offenders and for juvenile offenders whose acts the citizens of the State find unconscionable.

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