

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 500

House of Representatives, February 14, 2003

**An Act To Require the State To Assume All Costs for Corrections  
Currently Paid by Local Taxpayers**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor.  
Cosponsored by Representative RINES of Wiscasset, Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and  
Representatives: GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth, NORTON  
of Bangor, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PERRY of Bangor, WATSON of Bath.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to require the State to assume all costs  
12 for corrections that are currently borne by the counties. Under  
14 this bill, the State would bear the costs of county jail  
operations and inmates, as well as the costs associated with  
state detainees who are housed in county jails. Economies of  
scale would be realized, which may have the result of achieving  
cost savings in certain areas.