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2. Screening. Screen these complaints to eliminate those which do not require actions by the court;

3. Disposition of petitions. Provide for disposition of a complaint or petition without court action when appropriate to serve the best interests of the juvenile and the other persons involved, including referral of the juvenile to another public or private agency; and

4. Court action. Instigate court action on those complaints or petitions not otherwise disposed of pursuant to this section.

Sec. 3. 34 MRSA § 1592, sub-§ 3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Juvenile Court Intake Workers. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, and provide to the court, juvenile court intake workers and shall assign them to the various court districts of the State.

A. Juvenile court intake workers shall be designated officers of the court and responsible to the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 519

AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicle Fees Collected by the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA § 1557, sub-§ 2, 1st ¶, 1st sentence is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Each application for a certificate or permit shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25, and each application for amendment of a certificate or permit, for the transfer of a certificate or permit or for the reopening or rehearing of an application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$10, which is not for revenue purposes, but shall be used by the commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of administering this Title, and any portion of those fees not used or required for this purpose shall be added to the General Highway Fund.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA § 1557, sub-§ 2, 2nd ¶ is amended to read:

The charge for such vehicle identification device shall be ~~\$5 for each straight truck, so called, and \$10 for each truck tractor, so called~~ \$8 for each motor vehicle, and \$2 shall be charged for each transfer of such identification.

Sec. 3. 35 MRSA § 1557, sub-§ 4, 1st sentence is amended to read:

Provided application therefor is filed with the commission prior to the expiration date of a certificate or permit issued by the commission, renewals thereof shall be issued upon application made in accordance with the commission's requirements and upon the payment of the fees prescribed for original applications.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 520

AN ACT to Establish the Maine Juvenile Code.

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA Pt. 6 is enacted to read:

PART 6

MAINE JUVENILE CODE

CHAPTER 501

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 3001. Title

This Part shall be known and may be cited as the Maine Juvenile Code.

§ 3002. Purposes and construction

1. Purposes. The purposes of this Part are:

A. To secure for each juvenile subject to these provisions such care and guidance, preferably in his own home, as well best serve his welfare and the interests of society;

B. To preserve and strengthen family ties whenever possible, including improvement of home environment;

C. To remove a juvenile from the custody of his parents only when his welfare and safety or the protection of the public would otherwise be endangered or where necessary to punish a child adjudicated, pursuant to chapter 507, as having committed a juvenile crime;

D. To secure for any juvenile removed from the custody of his parents the necessary treatment, care, guidance and discipline to assist him in becoming a responsible and productive member of society;