

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE GOVERNOR

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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING  
THE STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine has one of the highest per diem costs for incarceration of adult offenders in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, careful review of Department of Corrections expenditures indicates that these disproportionately high costs are driven primarily by the increasing costs of maintaining Maine's aging state prison facilities system, leaving only limited funds for program, treatment or other services for rehabilitation of prisoners;

**WHEREAS**, Maine faces the need for additional capacity in the state prison system in the near future due to projected increases in Maine's incarcerated population and the scheduled State of Maine assumption of responsibility for all juvenile detention and short-term sentence prisoners in 1998;

**WHEREAS**, appropriate physical design of replacement and additional prison facilities is essential to the most effective and economical implementation of adult and juvenile corrections programs by the state prison system;

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the State Correctional Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee, as follows:

**1. Purpose and Charge**

The State Correctional Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee ("Committee") is created to review the plans developed by the Maine Department of Corrections to address the issues presented by the State's aging prison facilities and projected increased prison capacity needs and to advise the Department concerning any needed modifications to those plans. The Committee also shall advise the Department concerning the implementation of these plans in a

timely and economical manner to meet the logistical challenges facing the Department of Corrections while enhancing the rehabilitation programs available to the incarcerated population.

## **2. Functions and Duties**

The Committee is requested to perform the following tasks:

- a. No later than August 1, 1997, review the Department of Corrections capital facilities plan for improving state adult correctional facilities and make any recommendations for necessary modifications to that plan;
- b. No later than November 1, 1997, review the Department of Corrections capital facilities plan for improving the juvenile correctional facilities and make any recommendations for necessary modifications to that plan;
- c. No later than December 31, 1997, review existing programs and treatment levels for the adult prisoners and recommend needed and financially feasible program improvements to respond to the projected future needs of that population, as well as any necessary modifications to the capital facilities plan to accommodate those program improvements;
- d. From August 1 through December 31, 1997, advise the Department of Corrections concerning the strategies for implementation of the capital facilities plan and recommended program modifications including, but not limited to, the time and manner of implementation, development of Phase II facility designs, financing options, program plans, and staffing plans.

## **3. Report**

The Committee shall submit a summary report of its recommendations and advice to the Governor and the Commissioner of Corrections no later than December 31, 1997.

## **4. Membership**

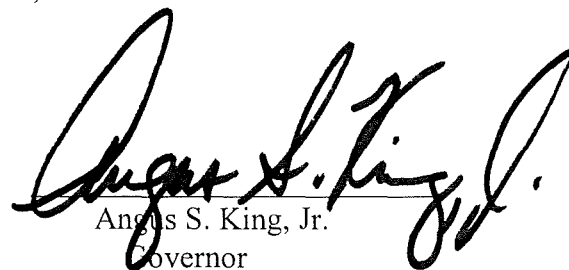
The members of the Committee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Committee members will represent the broad spectrum of interested citizens, including those knowledgeable in the fields of corrections, law enforcement and prosecution, municipal and county government, finance and business, as well as representatives of the victims rights and prisoner rights advocacy community. Representatives of the Legislative and Judicial Branches will be invited to serve as members of the Committee, after consultation with the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Chief Justice of the Judiciary. The Governor shall appoint a member of the Committee to serve as Chair.

## **5. Funding and Staff**

The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation. The Department of Corrections shall provide any staff assistance requested by the Committee from within the existing resources of the Department of Corrections.

6. **Effective Date**

The effective date of this Executive Order is June 18, 1997.



Angus S. King, Jr.  
Governor