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Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Establish and Appropriate Funds for a Youth Community Activities  
Section in the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, c. 11, additional.** Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 11 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 11**

**YOUTH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION**

**§ 251. Purpose and intent**

With the incidents of high rates of juvenile delinquency in the various communities of our State and the need for coordination, evaluation and direction of all the various and sundry activities relating to this matter, it is desirable that the people of the State of Maine establish a coordinating effort and to assist in preventative measures in the matter of youth activities as related to juvenile delinquency. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections be given considerable flexibility in implementing, directing and executing this program.

**§ 252. Coordinator**

The commissioner may appoint a Coordinator of Youth Activities, which person will be selected, not primarily on the basis of professional training, but rather on the basis of high moral standards, outstanding character, one who has exhibited outstanding traits of leadership and who has appealed to the youth of our State. Emphasis should be given to a person who has had some experience

in dealing with youth and their problems and who has demonstrated effectiveness either in sports or other youth-oriented activities.

The coordinator shall cooperate, and assist when warranted, with the problems of the State Committee on Children and Youth, with the various communities of the State, with the Division of Probation and Parole, with the aftercare organization of our juvenile centers, with the committed population of the juvenile centers, and with any and all other agencies which are receiving assistance in this all-out effort to stimulate preventive measures in our various communities.

### § 253. Funds awarded

The commissioner is authorized to award funds not exceeding \$350 each to communities and nonprofit organizations who have set up youth activities which promote the overall objectives of this chapter. These funds will be on a non-recurring basis.

**Sec. 2. Budgetary requests and report.** It is legislative intent that this activity will be an on-going program through the years and the commissioner is authorized to recommend the sums which will be required for ensuing bienniums in the operations section of the Budgetary Requests for the 104th Legislature.

A report on the effectiveness and on the general operation of this program will be made by the commissioner to the Chairman of the Legislative Research Committee for the 104th Legislative session.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$16,550 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$15,150 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown is as follows:

	1967-68	1968-69
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(1) \$ 9,700	(1) \$10,000
All Other	6,500	5,000
Capital Expenditures	350	150
	<u>\$16,550</u>	<u>\$15,150</u>