

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1057

H. P. 818

House of Representatives, February 26, 1969

Referred to committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Vincent of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Rehabilitative Programs in State Penal and Correctional Institutions.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 527, repealed and replaced. Section 527 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 264 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 527. Rehabilitative and work release programs

The Bureau of Corrections is authorized to adopt and implement rehabilitative programs, including work release, within the penal and correctional institutes under its control. Under such programs the head of any such institution may permit any inmate or prisoner considered to be worthy of trust to participate in activities which may include training and employment, outside the institution, subject to regulations adopted by the Bureau of Corrections, which in the judgment of the head of the institution will contribute to the reformation of the inmate or prisoner and will assist in preparing him for eventual release.

The Bureau of Corrections is authorized to establish regulations for and permit institutions under its control to grant to an inmate or prisoner furlough from the institution in which he is confined. Furlough may be granted for not more than 10 days at one time for a visit to a dying relative, attendance at the funeral of a relative, the contacting of prospective employers, the obtaining of medical services, which may be for a period longer than 10 days if medically required, or for any other reason consistent with the rehabilitation of an inmate or prisoner.

Any inmate or prisoner permitted outside an institution under this section shall be furnished a copy of the regulations of the Bureau of Corrections applicable to the program in which he is permitted to participate, or to his furlough, the receipt of which copy shall be attested by the inmate or prisoner.

Any inmate or prisoner certified by the head of the institution, having custody of him, to the county attorney for the county in which the violation or escape takes place, to have violated the regulations to which he is subject, or escaped from any program or assignment outside the institution, shall be prosecuted therefor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for any term of years, which term of imprisonment shall not begin until expiration of the sentence being served at the time of violation or escape, unless such sentence is otherwise terminated by the State Probation and Parole Board.

Any person over the age of 17 who willfully obstructs, intimidates or otherwise abets any inmate or prisoner participating in a program, or on furlough, under this section, and thereby contributes or causes said inmates or prisoner to violate the terms and conditions of his program participation, or furlough, after having been warned by the head of the institution to cease and desist in said relationship or association with the inmate or prisoner, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.