# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

#### Legislative Document

No. 1209

S. P. 407 In Senate, March 6, 1973 Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

#### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Establish a Committee on Problems of Corrections.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 528, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 528, to read as follows:

### § 528. Maine Committee on Problems of Corrections; duties

There shall be a Maine Committee on Problems of Corrections composed of 12 members, consisting of one member from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and one member from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, and 10 representative citizens appointed by the Governor, who shall designate a chairman. Of the first gubernatorial appointments, 4 shall be for one year, 3 for 2 years and 3 for 3 years. Thereafter, appointments shall be for 3 years. Members of the committee shall serve without pay, but will be reimbursed for expenses on the same basis as state employees.

The duties of the Maine Committee on Problems of Corrections shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the commissioner and to the Director of the Bureau of Corrections in assessing present programs, planning future programs and in developing means to meet the correctional needs of the State of Maine. To this end, the committee shall issue a report containing the results of its studies to the Director of the Bureau of Corrections every year, the preparation and printing of the report to be paid for by the Bureau of Corrections. The committee shall meet as often as necesary to carry out its duties, at the discretion of the chairman.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Maine Committee on Problems of Corrections from the General Fund the sum of \$4,500 to carry out the purpose of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1973-74

1974-75

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Corrections

Maine Committee on Problems of Corrections

All Other

\$2,000

\$2,500

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.