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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1542

H. P. 1203 House of Representatives, March 21, 1973
Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Commitment of Juvenile Offenders.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 15, § 2611, amended. Section 2611 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

The juvenile court shall not commit a juvenile to the Men's Correctional Center, the Women's Correctional Center, the Boys Training Center or the Stevens School if the offense or act committed by the juvenile would not be an offense under the criminal statutes of this State, if committed by a person 17 years of age or over.

Sec. 2. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that this provision operate prospectively only and it shall not apply in the situation where a juvenile is now committed to the Men's Correctional Center, the Women's Correctional Center, the Boys Training Center or the Stevens School although it shall apply to matters pending but undisposed of at the time of the effective date of this legislation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation would give a judge all alternatives available with the exception of commitment to a training center for any action on the part of a child which, if an adult, would not be an offense.