

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1582

S. P. 495

In Senate, March 26, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brennan of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Creating Definite Sentencing Limitation in Juvenile Offenses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 15, § 2611, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 2611 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

All commitments or sentences under this subsection may be for a definite term. In the event that the act for which the juvenile is sentenced or committed would be an offense, if committed by an adult, the term shall not exceed the length of sentence for an adult committing the same offense.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 15, § 2714, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 2714 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

All commitments of such children shall be for the term of their minority, or for a definite term as established by section 2611, subsection 4, unless sooner discharged by the superintendent; but no child shall be committed who is deaf, mute, blind or a proper subject for the Augusta State Hospital, the Bangor State Hospital or the Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 15, § 2718, amended. Section 2718 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 3 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2718. Discharge

The superintendent shall cause to be discharged all children committed to the center at the expiration of their minority or at the conclusion of a definite

term as established by section 2611, subsection 4, and may discharge any child as rehabilitated during such child's term of commitment.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.