

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 511

In Senate, March 27, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Creation of a Youth Service Agency within the Division of Probation and Parole.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 1591, amended. The last paragraph of section 1591 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 319 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

There is created within the Division of Probation and Parole a youth services agency which shall be charged with providing the necessary specialized services and procedures for the constructive rehabilitation of juveniles which shall include prevention services. The Director of Probation and Parole shall appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, a suitable person to head the youth services agency. The agency shall, as of July 1, 1973, supervise and coordinate the work of the former Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Department transferred to the Division of Probation and Parole by the public laws of 1971, chapter 528 as amended by the public laws of 1971, chapter 576. All institutions within the Bureau of Corrections shall cooperate and consult with the youth services agency in carrying out their programs in order that all community services provided by the bureau with respect to juvenile offenders be organized and coordinated by the youth services agency.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation creates a youth service agency within the Division of Probation and Parole. This would allow for all community services to come under one heading and for expansion of services to juveniles and youth.