

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 688

H. P. 559 House of Representatives, February 18, 1975
Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport.
Cosponsor: Mr. Farley of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Reallocation of Existing Institutional Resources of the
Bureau of Corrections.

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

34 MRSA § 529 is enacted to read:

§ 529. Reallocation of institutional appropriations

In administering the policy and purposes of this chapter, the Bureau of Corrections is authorized to expend correctional institutional appropriations on persons within that portion of its sentenced or committed population participating in halfway house, prerelease, vocational training, educational, drug treatment or other correctional programs being administered physically apart from the institutions to which such persons were originally sentenced or committed, for the purpose of defraying the direct and related costs of such persons' participation in such programs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The ability of the Bureau of Corrections to provide more effective service, at less cost, to particular portions of its correctional population is tied directly to its authority to fund such programs out of presently existing institutional appropriations.

This legislation would allow the Bureau of Corrections greater flexibility in utilizing existing fiscal resources to support so-called noninstitutional cor-

rectional programs, and would more clearly eliminate the necessity of requests for additional appropriations from the Legislature to fund such programs.

This legislation assists in the implementation of recommendation #95 of the report of the Governor's Task Force on Corrections.