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  Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing Funds for Payment to Residential Schools as an Alternative to Incarceration of Juvenile Offenders.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, Bureau of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, the sum of $100,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of tuition, room and board and other related costs to consenting residential schools for juvenile offenders offered this alternative by a juvenile court in place of incarceration in a juvenile correctional institution. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Corrections		
Division of Probation and Parole		
All Other	$40,000	$60,000

The appropriated money shall be used only for juveniles facing possible incarceration in a juvenile institution and only if they attend a residential school within the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The 106th Legislature followed the lead of other New England states and appropriated funds for the schooling of juvenile offenders as an alternative to

incarceration. Those juveniles who resided at a residential school have shown that rehabilitation occurs under such conditions and at far less cost than placing them in a juvenile institution. This bill and appropriation will permit the continuation of this project.