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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 943

H. P. 772

House of Representatives, March 6, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Perkins of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Amending Laws Related to Coeducational Program
in Juvenile Training Centers.**

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

15 MRSA § 2712, first ¶ as last amended by PL 1967, c. 195, § 3, is further amended by adding before the last sentence, the following 2 new sentences:

Coeducational programs may be developed at either training center but any such programs shall fully separate the housing facilities of boys and girls. A juvenile may be transferred between centers only when it is to the advantage of the juvenile.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow coeducational programs at either juvenile training center. This could benefit the juvenile not yet ready to be out in the community so that he or she might have the advantage of a specific program perhaps offered only at one institution. In addition, a child might be a lot nearer his home for easier visiting and counseling with parents, which could ease the transition back to the child's home community.