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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 858, L.D. 1079, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide Alternatives to the Compulsory Attendance
Law."

Amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out all of the last sentence of the first paragraph of that part designated "§911."

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out in the 2nd sentence of the 3rd paragraph of that part designated "§911." the figure "10" and inserting in place thereof the following: '7'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph of subsection 3 of that part designated "§911." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'If further action is deemed necessary, the juvenile court may, in addition to its powers under Title 15, chapter 405, utilize one or more of the following:'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by inserting in the last line of paragraph C of subsection 3 of that part designated "§911." after the underlined word "age" the following: '; provided
← that no such commitment shall be made unless a child has violated the conditions of a probation commitment made by the court under Title 15, chapter 405 after a finding that said child is an habitual truant, and further provided that no such commitment shall be made unless the court finds that the correctional institution to which the commitment is to be made has made provisions for such child to reside during the period of his or her commitment in a separate residential unit where only those committed for habitual truancy shall reside. Any such commitment under this section shall not exceed 30 days.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to clarify the language and to delete the provision in the bill being amended which allows a school committee or school directors to exclude from public schools any child whose physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for him to attend and to reduce the time period for notification to the parents of an habitually truant child from 10 to 7 days. This amendment also provides that no commitment to the Boys Training Center or Stevens School shall be made unless the child has violated the conditions of his or her probation for habitual truancy and also that no commitment shall be made unless the institution to which it is to be made has established a separate residential facility for those juveniles who are committed there after violating their probation by the court for habitual truancy. This amendment also restricts any such commitment to a maximum of 30 days.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Judiciary.

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