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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. H-895)
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1974, L.D. 2163, Bill,
"AN ACT to Remove the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute
from the Administrative Supervision of the Judicial Council."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause
the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless
enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute
provides a continuing forum for the regular discussion by
criminal judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and correctional
personnel of the most appropriate methods of sentencing convicted
offenders; and

Whereas, the Maine Criminal Code, Title 17-A, which becomes
effective on March 1, 1976, contains many changes in the
criminal sentencing provisions of the Maine statutes which is
and will be the subject of intensive work by said institute; and

Whereas, because the public laws of 1975, chapter 408
created the office of the State Court Administrator whose duties
include the development and implementation of preservice and
inservice educational and training programs for judicial personnel
of the Judicial Department, it is deemed appropriate that the
Court Administrator does assume the administrative supervision
of the Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute at the earliest

possible date; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the statement of fact," the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is fully stated in the emergency preamble that is being added to the original bill by this amendment.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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