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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE (Filing No. S-387)
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1794, L.D. 1894, Bill,
"AN ACT to Establish the Maine Juvenile Code."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 24 and
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 24. Study. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
of the 108th Legislature shall study the Maine Juvenile Code and
the issues involved in the code and shall complete this study
no later than December 1, 1977 and submit to the Legislative
Council within the same time period its findings and recommendations,
including copies of any recommended legislation in final draft form.
The Attorney General, the Commissioner of Mental Health and
Corrections and the Commissioner of Human Services are directed
to assist the committee in this study.

Sec. 25. Legislative intent; effective date. The Legislature
recognizes that there are inevitably errors and unforeseen
problems in the enactment of any major revision of an area of
law such as the Maine Juvenile Code and realizes that amendments
to the code will almost certainly be necessary. The Legislature
believes that the enactment of the code at this time, with
a delayed effective date to allow time for study and amendment,
will insure greater participation in this process by members
of the public and by persons with special knowledge than would
a study of proposed legislation that has not yet been enacted.

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Therefore, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1978, except that Title 15, section 3403 shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of this session of the Legislature.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to express clearly the legislative intent in enacting this bill with a delayed effective date and to provide for a study of the code.

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