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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-518)

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 2142, L.D. 2163, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 36 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 36. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-\$1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1977,

c. 520, \$1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. The court may commit a juvenile to the Department of

Mental Health and Corrections or the Department of Human

Services. The department to which the juvenile is committed

shall then place the juvenile in a foster home, group care home

or halfway house, or provide services to the juvenile in his own
home, whichever it determines best meets the juvenile's needs.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment will resolve an ambiguity with respect to whether the courts or the department to whom a juvenile is committed make the decision regarding the placement of and services for a juvenile. It would specify that the department to which the juvenile is committed by the court makes the decision on placements and services. Such a decision is always subject to review by the court.

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