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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-80) 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 281, L.D. 359, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Law Relating to the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the last paragraph before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'The institute shall meet annually not less than once every 3 years, at the call of the Judicial Council, for a 2-day period within-an-existing-state-correctional-facility to discuss recommendations for changes in the sentencing authority and policies of the state's criminal courts, in response to current law enforcement problems and the available alternatives for criminal rehabilitation within the state's correctional system. Inasmuch as possible the deliberations of the institute shall be open to the general public, -and-all-Superior-Court-and District-Court-Judges-appointed-since-the-last-convening-of-the institute-shall-be-required-to-attend.

## Statement of Fact

This amendment allows the judges to determine their own attendance at the institute.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House (Filing No. H-80)