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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE

/ AMENDMENT " | to H.P. 301, L. D. 398, RESOLVE, to Authorize Kennebec County to Develop a Pilot Program for Inmates Incarcerated at the County Jail.

Amend the Resolve by striking out at the beginning of the first line after the title the underlined word and period "Preamble."

Further amend the Resolve by inserting before the first paragraph after the title the following:

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

Further amend the Resolve by striking all of the 5th paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'Whereas, there are many detained persons who could benefit from this program, and the staff of the Kennebec County jail is prepared to implement this program immediately; and

Whereas, Kennebec County desires to implement an alternative project on a trial basis as a means to address these problems; 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, be it'

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Further amend the Resolve by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency provision to the resolve so that the program can begin immediately, providing a broader range of services to detainees, unsentenced persons, relieving some of the pressure on jail facilities.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
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