

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 98

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7 S.P. 40

In Senate, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services
9 suggested and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

Cosponsor: Representative McPherson of Eliot.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Provision of
18 Services to Families with Runaway Juveniles.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 15 MRSA §3507, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 520,
23 §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its
24 place:

25 §3507. Runaway juveniles returned from another state

26 When a juvenile who has left the care of his
27 parents, guardian or legal custodian without his par-
28 ents consent is returned to Maine from another state,
29 or when a juvenile living in Maine refuses to return
30 home, the Department of Human Services shall, upon

1 request of either the juvenile, parent, guardian or
2 legal custodian, make a family needs assessment and
3 if necessary offer the juvenile shelter in a licensed
4 emergency shelter care facility, licensed group home
5 or licensed foster home which is located as close as
6 possible to the residence of the parent, guardian or
7 legal custodian.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The purpose of this bill is to provide services
10 to families with runaway juveniles, regardless of
11 whether the juvenile is in or out of the State. It
12 incorporates the provisions of former Title 15,
13 section 3504, which was improvidently repealed by
14 Public Law 1979, chapter 733, section 2, the Child
15 and Family Services and Child Protection Act.

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