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10	JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
11	Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.
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14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
17 18 19	AN ACT Relating to a Public Service Cadet Corps.
20 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22	37-A MRSA c. 30 is enacted to read:
23	CHAPTER 30
24	PUBLIC SERVICE CADET CORPS
25	§1431. Purpose
26 27 28 29 30 31	The youth of Maine are very important to the wel- fare and future of the State. It is essential to pro- mote the ideals of public service and duty among the youth of this State. It is also essential to encour- age Maine youth to pursue the acquisition of knowl- edge and skills that are significant in being good

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1	§1434. Duties of the commander
2	The commander shall have the following duties:
3	<u>1. Local units. Promote the development and help</u>
4	organize local public service cadet corps units
5	throughout the State;
6 7	2. Appoint local commanders. Appoint commanders of local units or companies;
8 9	3. Curriculum and training program. Implement a curriculum and training program;
10	4. Assistance to local units. Assist local units
11	with respect to meeting locations, training, public
12	service activities and any other activities deemed
13	necessary by the commander to maintain an active and
14	popularly supported unit; and
15	5. Policies and procedures. Implement the poli-
16	cies and procedures established by the Advisory Board
17	of the Office of Public Service Cadet Corps.
18	§1435. Advisory Board of the Office of Public Service
19	Cadet Corps
20	The Advisory Board of the Office of Public Ser-
21	vice Cadet Corps, composed of the Adjutant General,
22	the commander and 3 public members appointed by the
23	Adjutant General, shall determine policy for the
24	corps. The 3 public members shall be appointed for
25	3-year terms, except that the initial terms of
26	appointment shall be one year for the first appointed
27	member, 2 years for the 2nd appointed member and 3
28	years for the 3rd appointed member. The board shall
29	serve without compensation and travel expenses.
30	1. Public members. The public members appointed
31	to the advisory board shall be representative of
32	Maine youth organizations in the State, experienced
33	in developing and implementing youth activities and
34	demonstrate high moral conduct.
35 36 37 38	2. Conduct of business. Three members of the advisory board shall constitute a quorum to conduct business. A majority shall be required to approve all policy matters.

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1 2 3 4	3. Policy guidelines. In establishing policy and procedure for the corps, the advisory board shall base policies and procedures on public service and duty.
5 6 7 8	4. Curriculum. The advisory board shall develop a curriculum and training program to be implemented by the commander. The curriculum and training program shall include, among other subjects, the following:
9	A. Communications equipment skills;
10	B. Aviation;
11	C. Vehicle operation and maintenance skills;
12	D. Boating and swimming;
13	E. Survival skills;
14 15	F. First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills;
16	G. Fire-fighting skills;
17	H. Firearms;
18	I. Public speaking; and
19	J. Moral integrity.
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	5. Testing and membership. The advisory board shall establish any tests or examinations that may be administered for the purpose of advancement or dis- missal of youth members. The board shall also develop a procedure for any form of disciplinary action necessary to maintain decorum and the integrity of the corps.
27	§1436. Local units
28 29 30	Each local unit established throughout the State shall be open to membership to youth between the ages of 13 years and 18 years. The local unit shall be

of 13 years and 18 years
 referred to as a company.

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1 2 3 4 5	1. Local unit director. Each company shall be directed by a person appointed by the commander. The company director shall be accorded a title as deter- mined by the advisory board and shall serve without compensation.
6 7	2. Duties of the company director. The duties of the company director shall include:
8	A. Instruction in public service and duty;
9 10	B. Implementation of training and a curriculum developed by the advisory board;
11 12	C. The day-to-day operation of the local unit; and
13 14	D. Implementation of the policies of the advisory board as directed by the commander.
15 16 17 18 19 20	3. Qualifications of company director. The com- pany director shall demonstrate a willingness to par- ticipate in the youth activities and a sincere inter- est in promoting public service and duty for all cit- izens. The company director shall be a person with demonstrated high moral standards.
21	STATEMENT OF FACT
22 23 24 25	The purpose of this bill is to create a Public Service Cadet Corps for young men and women between the ages of 13 and 18 years to provide them with the ideals of public service and duty.
26 27 28 29 30 31	This bill establishes an Office of Public Service Cadet Corps within the Department of Defense and Vet- erans' Services. The director will be an unpaid volunteer with the honorary title of commander, who will work on a part-time basis. The Adjutant General may select the director and the advisory board.
32 33 34 35 36 37	The advisory board, composed of the Adjutant Gen- eral, the commander and 3 public members, is estab- lished as the policy-making body. The commander is required to implement the policy developed by the advisory board. The board will serve without compen- sation and travel expenses.

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1 The director of the corps is authorized to select 2 unpaid volunteers to serve as local company commanders. Local company commanders will instruct youth members in a number of subject areas, including com-3 4 5 munications' equipment, aviation, vehicles, boating, swimming, 6 survival skills, first aid and 7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, fire-fighting skills, 8 firearms, public speaking and moral integrity. The local company commanders will be supported by the 9 commander of the corps who will help develop a cur-10 11 riculum and training schedule to be implemented by 12 the local commanders.

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