

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

NO. 115

7 H.P. 105 House of Representatives, January 28, 1987  
8 Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and  
9 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick.  
10 Cosponsored by Representative MELENDY of Rockland,  
Senators BUSTIN of Kennebec and GILL of Cumberland.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN  
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17 AN ACT to Promote the Coordination of State  
18 Crime Prevention Programs for Juveniles.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 34-A MRSA §7002, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983,  
23 c. 459, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in  
24 its place:

25 2. Planning. The department shall carry out  
26 planning for identifying, evaluating and meeting the  
27 service needs for prevention of juvenile crime and  
28 rehabilitation of juveniles adjudicated as having  
29 committed juvenile crimes. To ensure that the de-  
30 partment's efforts to plan for and deliver prevention  
31 programs avoid duplication of the efforts of other  
32 state departments which serve juveniles and promote  
33 access to services, the commissioner shall:

1       A. Constitute an interdepartmental coordinating  
2 committee on primary prevention, which shall be  
3 chaired by the commissioner or his designee and  
4 shall include representation from the Department  
5 of Educational and Cultural Services, Department  
6 of Human Services, Department of Labor, Depart-  
7 ment of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, De-  
8 partment of Public Safety, the Juvenile Justice  
9 Advisory Group and such other public or private  
10 agencies as the commissioner may wish to nomi-  
11 nate, which have responsibilities associated with  
12 preventing not only delinquency, but also child  
13 abuse, substance abuse, running away from home,  
14 truancy and failing to complete school and other  
15 destructive behavior which affects juveniles.  
16 This coordinating committee shall:

17           (1) Develop a state primary prevention plan  
18 which provides for the use of state re-  
19 sources in ways that will strengthen the  
20 commitment of local communities to altering  
21 conditions which contribute to delinquency  
22 and other destructive behaviors which affect  
23 juveniles, so that the burden of  
24 state-funded treatment and crisis-responsive  
25 service programs will be reduced. The plan  
26 shall provide for the coordination and con-  
27 solidation of the primary prevention plan-  
28 ning efforts of each of the state agencies  
29 specified in this section. The plan shall  
30 set forth quantifiable and time-limited  
31 goals, objectives and strategies and shall  
32 include proposals to integrate and build  
33 upon successful primary prevention programs;

34           (2) Provide for the evaluation of policies  
35 and programs developed and implemented pur-  
36 suant to the plan; and

37           (3) Prepare, annually by November 1st, an  
38 appraisal of the State's primary prevention  
39 activities during the previous year and its  
40 recommendations for programs and activities  
41 relating to primary prevention.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The purpose of this bill is to require the De-  
3   partment of Corrections, the Department of Education-  
4   al and Cultural Services, the Department of Human  
5   Services, and the Department of Mental Health and  
6   Mental Retardation to jointly plan for the develop-  
7   ment and implementation of crime prevention programs  
8   for juveniles and to coordinate funding for and moni-  
9   toring of these projects. This will reduce  
10  redundancies among the State's prevention efforts and  
11  expand access to the same programs and services.

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