

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1019

H.P. 756 House of Representatives, March 30, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec,
Representatives FOSS of Yarmouth and CONNOLLY of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Develop a Pilot Community
2 Reintegration Program for Youth
3 Returning to their Homes from the
4 Maine Youth Center.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropri-
9 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
10 of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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12	<u>CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF</u>	

1	Bureau of Probation and		
2	Parole		
3	All Other	\$70,000	\$70,000
4	Provides funds to		
5	test the effective-		
6	ness of family sup-		
7	port teams to assist		
8	juveniles released		
9	from the Maine Youth		
10	Center to make more		
11	successful and		
12	offense-free transi-		
13	tions to the commu-		
14	nity, by authorizing		
15	the purchase of the		
16	services of an in-		
17	tensive family sup-		
18	port team which		
19	would serve up to 30		
20	delinquents and		
21	their families each		
22	year in the central		
23	part of the State.		

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 Many youth who make good progress at the Maine
 26 Youth Center, fail to make a positive and
 27 offense-free adjustment upon returning to their com-
 28 munities. The circumstances which contributed to
 29 their antisocial behavior, such as dysfunctional home
 30 environments, negative adjustment to schools and peer
 31 pressure, remain static during the period of institu-
 32 tionalization. The community-based services which
 33 may assist the youth to adopt to and address these
 34 problems are inadequate or unavailable.

35 Family support teams have proved both
 36 cost-efficient and effective in the State and else-
 37 where in the nation as a means to preclude the remov-
 38 al of youth from their homes. This bill permits a
 39 test of an adaptation of that model to provide the
 40 same intensive family support services to assist in

1 the reintegration of a youth who has been coercively
2 removed from his home.

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