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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1280

H.P. 951 House of Representatives, April 15, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and
ordered printed.

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

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, to Establish the Juvenile
Corrections Planning Commission.

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Commission established. Resolved: That the Juvenile Corrections Planning Commission is established. The commission shall be comprised of 17 members who shall be appointed in the following manner: The Commissioner of Corrections and 2 designees of his choosing; the Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee; the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, or his designee; the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, or his designee; one member of the Advocates of the Developmentally Disabled; 2 members of nonprofit agencies which contract to provide community-based services with the Department of Corrections, appointed by the Governor; 2 members from the Juvenile Advisory Group, appointed by the Governor; 3 members of the House of Represen-

1 tatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House; one
2 Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate;
3 and 2 members of the public, appointed by the Govern-
4 nor. The members shall choose a chairman from among
5 themselves at their first meeting. Legislators shall
6 receive the legislative per diem and all other mem-
7 bers shall receive expenses only; and be it further

8 **Consultants. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of
9 Corrections shall contract with private consultants to
10 develop a proposed plan for juvenile correction
11 services, including an analysis of current services
12 being provided by the State and local agencies; the
13 relationship between institutional and community pro-
14 grams; the relationships among services being pro-
15 vided by the Department of Corrections, the Depart-
16 ment of Human Services, the Department of Mental
17 Health and Mental Retardation and the Department of
18 Educational and Cultural Services; projections of
19 need for services during the next decade; appropriate
20 policies, facilities and programs required to meet
21 the need for services in the future; and steps to
22 achieve the planned system of juvenile correctional
23 services; and be it further

24 **Study; report. Resolved:** That the commission
25 shall receive the report from any consultants which
26 the Department of Corrections hires, analyze any rec-
27 ommendations made and adopt a master plan for juve-
28 nile corrections. The master plan and any necessary
29 implementing legislation shall be submitted as a re-
30 port to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legis-
31 lature for approval by March 1, 1989. Any necessary
32 staffing shall be provided by the Department of Cor-
33 rections; and be it further

34 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following
35 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
36 out the purposes of this resolve.

37 1987-88

38 CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

39 Administration

40 All Other

\$75,000

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These funds will
provide money with
which to hire con-
sultants and fund
the study.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The Department of Corrections recently completed a comprehensive planning process for the future of adult corrections, through the completion of the Ehrenkrantz Study and the Blue Ribbon Committee Report. Those efforts specifically excluded juvenile corrections from their purview and no long-range plan of direction for juvenile corrections has been developed. To the contrary, juvenile corrections have evolved in response to changing circumstances, rather than according to any master plan.

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This resolve creates a planning process for juvenile corrections. The resolve also establishes the Juvenile Corrections Planning Commission, comparable to the Blue Ribbon Committee and appropriates funds to contract for a study comparable to that done by the Ehrenkrantz group. This resolve asks that the study report be submitted to the commission, which would review the recommendations and develop a master plan regarding juvenile corrections to be submitted to the 114th Legislature.

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