

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1988

S.P. 729 In Senate, January 7, 1988
Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to
Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative STROUT of Windham,
Representative ANTHONY of South Portland, Representative
MANNING of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Relating to the Powers of the Maine
2 Youth Center Employees.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 34-A MRSA §3813 is enacted to read:

7 §3813. Power of center employees

8 The Maine Youth Center employees have the same
9 power as sheriffs in their respective counties to

1 search for and apprehend escapees from the center,
2 when authorized to do so by the superintendent.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 At present, there is no provision in the Maine
5 Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, which gives Maine Youth
6 Center employees legal powers to go after youths
7 absent without leave from the center. This puts
8 center employees in an ambiguous position when they
9 are faced with apprehending runaways from the center.
10 This bill provides the same powers for center
11 employees as those available to employees of other
12 Department of Corrections institutions. Due to the
13 continuing problem of runaways from the Maine Youth
14 Center there is an urgent and immediate need for this
15 bill.

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