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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 370, L.D. 501, Bill, "An Act to Encourage Development and Use of Private Community Corrections Programs"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act to Encourage Development and Use of Community Corrections Programs'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §5406 is enacted to read:

§5406. Community sentencing options unit; pilot program

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, "community sentencing options" means alternative corrections programs based in the community in order to provide judges with a range of sentencing options which are nonincarcerative and utilize community resources and placements.

2. Establishment. The director, with the approval of the commissioner, shall establish a community sentencing options unit within one of the probation and parole districts.

3. Responsibilities. The unit shall:

A. Recommend community sentencing options within presentence investigation reports for all defendants convicted of Class A, B and C crimes; and

B. Arrange and contract with public and private agencies for services necessary to implement community sentencing options.

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Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Probation and Parole		
Positions	(5.5)	(5.5)
Personal Services	\$110,062	\$153,429
All Other	15,048	16,200
Capital Expenditures	9,560	
TOTAL	<u>\$134,670</u>	<u>\$169,629</u>

Provides funds for 4 Probation and Parole Officers, 1.5 Clerk Typist II positions and related expenses to develop a pilot community sentencing options unit within a probation and parole district.

Correctional Services

All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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Provides funding in the following amounts for the indicated purposes:

Northern Halfway House - provides funds for housing and staffing costs to house up to 10 state offenders (\$140,000 in each year) and funds for contractual services to provide group and individual treatment for special needs offenders, substance abuse and mental health services (\$25,000 in each year).

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3 Central/Southern Halfway
5 Houses - provides funds for
7 housing and staffing costs to
9 house up to 20 offenders
11 (\$285,000 in each year) and
13 funds for contractual
15 services to provide group and
17 individual treatment for
19 special needs offenders,
21 substance abuse and mental
23 health services (\$25,000 in
25 each year).

15 Pharos House - provides
17 \$25,000 in each year for
19 contractual services to
21 provide group and individual
23 treatment for special needs
25 offenders, substance abuse
27 and mental health services.

23 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
25 **TOTAL** \$634,670 \$669,629'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment does the following.

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33 1. It establishes a pilot community sentencing options unit
35 within the Division of Probation and Parole. The unit will
37 include recommendations to judges for community sentencing
39 options within presentence investigation reports for all felony
offenders.

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39 2. It provides funds for expanded community-based services
for adult committed offenders.

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