

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 1, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CONLEY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative OLIVER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Encourage Development and Use of Private Community
Corrections Programs.**



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1205, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c.**
5 459, §6, is amended to read:

7 1. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide the
9 means for the development, expansion and improvement of
11 correctional programs throughout the State and to encourage
13 participation in correctional programs by persons, private
15 providers, unincorporated associations, charitable nonstock
17 corporations, local and county governmental units and state
19 agencies.

21 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:**

23 G. The commissioner shall make grants to private providers
25 for the purpose of developing and funding programs that
27 serve individuals who otherwise would be incarcerated but
29 who pose no threat to the safety of the community.

31 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
33 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Correctional Program Improvement		
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

35 Provides funds for grants to
37 private service providers,
39 targeted to private community
41 corrections programs that
43 serve adult offenders who
45 otherwise would be
47 incarcerated.

49 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

 This bill encourages the development and use of private
community corrections programs to manage the increasing needs of
a growing and diverse offender population. It amends the
existing correctional program improvement fund to include funding
for private provider programs that target offenders who would
otherwise be incarcerated but who pose no threat to the safety of
the community.