

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1104

House of Representatives, May 8, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative WEBSTER of Cape Elizabeth, Representative MARSANO of Belfast and Representative BUTLAND of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Prohibit the Use of State Funds to Subsidize the  
Implementation of Alternative Sentencing Options.**

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

3 **17-A MRSA §1204, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

5 4. If the convicted person is required pursuant to  
7 subsection 2-A, paragraph D, to be devoted to an approved  
9 employment or occupation, neither the convicted person nor any  
11 corporation, partnership or other legal entity employing that  
13 person shall be eligible to receive any state funds the purpose  
15 of which is to directly implement the sentencing plan.

17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

19 The intention of alternative sentence plans is to provide  
21 public service in lieu of incarceration. Under current law, a  
convicted person can apply to the State Government for public  
funding of an alternative sentence. This bill prevents this  
funding by prohibiting state funds from being used to implement  
sentencing plans which require convicted persons to perform some  
type of community service.