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No. 1127

H.P. 810

House of Representatives, April 4, 1995

**An Act to Provide Funds to Reimburse the Counties for the Cost of
Housing Certain Prisoners.**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOK of Jonesboro.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BIGL of Bucksport, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of Holden, CLARK of Millinocket, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DESMOND of Mapleton, DEXTER of Kingfield, ETNIER of Harpswell, HEINO of Boothbay, JOSEPH of Waterville, JOY of Crystal, LAYTON of Cherryfield, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MORRISON of Bangor, MURPHY of Berwick, NICKERSON of Turner, PINKHAM of Lamoine, REED of Dexter, RICE of South Bristol, ROTONDI of Madison, SIROIS of Caribou, SPEAR of Nobleboro, VOLENIK of Sedgwick, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, LORD of York, RAND of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot, STEVENS of Androscoggin.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1665, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Community-based corrections. In preparing budget estimates pursuant to this section, the Department of Corrections shall include in the proposed current services budget estimates:

A. The amount necessary to cover the State's share of community corrections costs pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1210; and

B. A statement identifying the specific impact on each county in the event that the required funds are not included in any biennial budget bill submitted pursuant to section 1666.

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

1995-96

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Community Based Corrections

All Other	\$5,234,000
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Provides funds for additional reimbursement to the counties under the community corrections laws for fiscal years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to identify the cost of reimbursement to the counties under the community corrections laws along with an impact statement detailing the local impact if funding is not included in the Governor's biennial budget recommendations. It also provides a General Fund appropriation to pay counties for the amounts not reimbursed during fiscal years 1991-92 through 1994-95, when the department's obligation was statutorily limited to the appropriated amount.