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House of Representatives, June 8, 1995

An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Building Alternatives Program.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
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 SAXL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin and
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2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

4 Whereas, one of the goals of punishment is to deter
6 recidivism; and

8 Whereas, another goal is to give the criminal offender the
skills and means to avoid resorting to crime; and

10 Whereas, these goals are of highest importance for juvenile
12 offenders; and

14 Whereas, the Building Alternatives program offers juvenile
offenders vocational training and teaches basic values such as
16 honesty, tolerance, work ethic and community service; and

18 Whereas, current funding will support this program only
until September 1, 1995; and

20 Whereas, it is necessary that this program be continued and
22 given the funding it needs; and

24 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
26 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
28 safety; now, therefore,

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

32 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1995-96	1996-97
CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Correctional Services		
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
Provides funds for the Building Alternatives program to provide academic, vocational and interpersonal skills training to juveniles at the Maine Youth Center.		

2 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This bill provides funding to the Building Alternatives
program at the rate of \$200,000 per year. The program provides
10 academic, vocational and interpersonal skills training over a
16-week period to juvenile offenders confined to the Maine Youth
12 Center.