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House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

An Act to Prohibit a Juvenile from Pleading to a Reduced Juvenile Crime.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Pittsfield. (By Request)
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, STEDMAN of Hartland,
WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3301-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§3301-A. Plea agreements**

8 Notwithstanding Rules 11 and 11-A, Maine Rules of Criminal
10 Procedure, the prosecuting attorney may not, for the purpose of
12 entering into a plea agreement with the attorney for the juvenile
or the juvenile when acting pro se, reduce the juvenile crime
charged in the petition to a lesser juvenile crime than the crime
actually committed by the juvenile.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prevents a prosecuting attorney from charging a
18 juvenile with a reduced crime. The purpose of this bill is to
prohibit plea bargains and require that juveniles be charged with
the crime actually committed.