

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1998

Legislative Document

No. 2180

H.P. 1551

House of Representatives, January 30, 1998

**An Act to Increase the Number of Probation Officers and Corrections
Support Staff.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MUSE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: JONES of Greenville, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MURRAY of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland.

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

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

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1998-99

8 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **Probation and Parole**

12	Positions - Legislative Count	(29,000)
	Personal Services	\$1,176,405
14	All Other	313,000
	Capital Expenditures	102,400

16 Provides funds for 25
18 Probation Officer positions
20 as follows: Five Probation
22 Officers to handle domestic
24 violence cases; 4 Probation
26 Officers to handle mental
28 health cases; 5 Probation
30 Officers to handle supervised
32 community confinement cases;
34 one Probation Officer
assigned to Region 1 Drug
Court; and 10 Probation
Officers to be utilized in
areas to be determined by the
Commissioner of Corrections.
Also provides funds for 4
Clerk Typist II positions and
related expenses.

36 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
38 **TOTAL**

\$1,591,805

40 **Sec. 2. Office space assessment.** The Commissioner of Corrections
42 shall perform an assessment of office space needs within the
44 Division of Probation and Parole and prioritize the need for
46 additional space within the division. The commissioner shall
determine whether additional office space is available and make
recommendations for obtaining the additional office space. The
commissioner shall report these recommendations to the First
Regular Session of the 119th Legislature by February 1, 1999.

2 The commissioner shall conduct the requirements of this
4 section to the extent possible within the existing budgeted
resources of the department.

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SUMMARY

8 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation to the
10 Department of Corrections to increase by 25 the number of
probation officers. The new probation officer positions are to
12 be used in the following manner: Five officers are assigned to
domestic violence cases; 5 officers are assigned to supervised
14 community confinement cases; 4 officers are assigned to mental
health cases; one officer is assigned to Region 1 Drug Court; and
16 10 officers are assigned to areas to be determined by the
Commissioner of Corrections. This bill also increases by 4 the
number of support staff for the Division of Probation and Parole.

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20 This bill requires the commissioner to conduct an assessment
of the office space needs for the division and to locate new
space based upon the needs identified in the assessment. The
22 commissioner is required to report the commissioner's
recommendations to the Legislature.