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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 466, L.D. 629, Bill, "An Act to Create a Seamless Treatment Plan for the Juvenile Offender with Substance Abuse Problems"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Create a Seamless Treatment Plan for the Juvenile Offender with Substance Abuse Problems'

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, substance abuse is a serious problem that affects many juveniles who become part of the population of the Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, substance abuse treatment is a critical component of the rehabilitative mission of juvenile corrections; and

Whereas, creating and implementing a comprehensive substance abuse treatment plan as soon as possible is in the best interest of the juveniles, as well as the public; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of

SENATE AMENDMENT

Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Comprehensive substance abuse treatment program for
juvenile offenders. Resolved:** That the Department of Corrections
and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall
continue to develop a comprehensive substance abuse treatment
program for juveniles committed to the Department of Corrections'
custody. The program must include:

1. Screening, assessment and treatment for all juveniles
committed to a juvenile correctional facility;
2. Four regional treatment networks;
3. A targeted capacity expansion program; and
4. Five juvenile drug treatment courts.

The program also must facilitate participation of the
juvenile and the juvenile's family and provide a system to
monitor treatment progress and completion; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections
and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall present
a proposal to implement and fund the comprehensive substance
abuse treatment program to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over juvenile justice issues by
December 6, 2000.

The proposal must also include a plan for annual reporting
to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over juvenile justice issues on the progress in
implementing and providing substance abuse treatment programs.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.' '

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental
Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will
incur some minor additional costs to prepare and present a
proposal to implement and fund a comprehensive residential
substance abuse treatment program for juveniles committed to the

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2 custody of the Department of Corrections. These costs can be
absorbed within the departments' existing budgeted resources.

4 The Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental
6 Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services may
require future additional General Fund appropriations to
8 implement a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program for
juveniles if the proposal is approved. The amounts can not be
determined at this time.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the bill to a resolve and removes the
requirement that the Department of Corrections and the Department
16 of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services
implement a comprehensive substance abuse services program for
18 juveniles committed to the Department of Corrections. This
amendment requires the departments to submit a proposal that
20 requires annual reports to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over juvenile justice matters.

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