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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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 bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Comprehensive substance abuse treatment program for juvenile offenders.** The Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall continue to develop and implement 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.

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall report annually by March 1st their progress in implementing and funding the

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2 comprehensive substance abuse treatment program to the joint  
3 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
4 juvenile justice issues.'

6 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
7 summary the following:

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10 **FISCAL NOTE**

11 The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and  
12 Substance Abuse Services has \$1,230,150 budgeted in fiscal year  
13 1999-00 for these substance abuse treatment programs. This  
14 amount represents \$178,500 in General Fund appropriations and  
15 \$1,051,650 in Federal Expenditures Fund allocations. Since one  
16 federal grant that currently supports these programs is expected  
17 to end on September 30, 2001, the department will require  
18 additional General Fund appropriations of \$286,800 in fiscal year  
19 2001-02 and \$409,550 annually beginning in fiscal year 2002-03 to  
20 offset the loss of the federal funds in order to maintain the  
21 same level of support for these programs.

22 The Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental  
23 Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will  
24 incur some minor additional costs to prepare the required  
25 report. These costs can be absorbed within the departments'  
26 existing budgeted resources.'

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30 **SUMMARY**

31 The amendment directs the Department of Corrections and the  
32 Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance  
33 Abuse Services, Office of Substance Abuse to continue to develop  
34 and implement a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program  
35 for juveniles committed to the Department of Corrections'  
36 custody. The program must include screening, assessment and  
37 treatment for all juveniles committed to a juvenile correctional  
38 facility, 4 regional treatment networks, a targeted capacity  
39 expansion program and 5 juvenile drug treatment courts. The  
40 program also must facilitate participation of the juvenile and  
41 the juvenile's family and provide a system to monitor treatment  
42 progress and completion.

43 The amendment also requires the Department of Corrections  
44 and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and  
45 Substance Abuse Services, Office of Substance Abuse to report  
46 annually by March 1st their progress in implementing and funding  
47 the comprehensive substance abuse treatment program to the joint

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2 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
juvenile justice issues.

4 The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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