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L.D. 1589

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1130, L.D. 1589, Bill, "An Act to Require an Assessment Evaluation of Juveniles Entering the Juvenile Justice System"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2-B in the 4th line (page 1, line 8 of L.D.) by striking out the following: "include, but is not limited to," and inserting in its place the following: 'include sufficient comprehensive evaluation to allow appropriate intervention strategies to be developed, including, but not limited to.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3007 is enacted to read:

§3007. Assessment evaluations

All juveniles who are placed on informal adjustment and all juveniles who have been adjudicated of committing a juvenile crime must receive an assessment evaluation.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1999-00 2000-01

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1130, L.D. 1589

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Juvenile Community Corrections

Positions	(8,000)	(8,000)
Personal Services	\$195,981	\$274,373
All Other	480,810	617,080

Provides funds for 8 Juvenile Case Aide positions, related operating expenses and costs to conduct assessment evaluations.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TOTAL	<u>\$676,791</u>	<u>\$891,453</u>
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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers

All Other	\$87,902	\$117,203
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Provides funds for the state share of the costs for Medicaid-eligible juveniles requiring assessment evaluations.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL	<u>\$87,902</u>	<u>\$117,203</u>
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$764,693</u>	<u>\$1,008,656</u>
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Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payments to Providers

All Other	\$172,665	\$230,320
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Provides funds for the federal share of the costs for Medicaid-eligible juveniles requiring assessment evaluations.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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1999-00

2000-01

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund

\$764,693

\$1,008,656

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Other Funds

172,665

230,220

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REVENUES

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Other Funds

\$172,665

\$230,220

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This bill includes additional General Fund appropriations of \$676,791 and \$891,453 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for 8 Juvenile Case Aide positions and associated costs to conduct assessment evaluations for every juvenile who is placed on informal adjustment and every juvenile who has been adjudicated of committing a juvenile crime. These amounts are also based on an estimated 2,256 evaluations that would be contracted out to licensed mental health providers, at an estimated average cost of \$440 each. Of the 2,256 evaluations, it is estimated that the costs for 55% of these evaluations will be paid by the Department of Corrections, 35% of these evaluations will be covered by Medicaid and 10% will be paid through private insurance.

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This bill also includes additional General Fund appropriations of \$87,902 and \$117,203 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the Department of Human Services for the state share of the costs for Medicaid-eligible juveniles requiring assessment evaluations. Additional Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$172,665 and \$230,220 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, are included to reflect the federal share of these costs.'

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SUMMARY

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The amendment specifies that the assessment evaluation must include sufficient comprehensive evaluation to allow appropriate intervention strategies to be developed for the juvenile. The amendment also specifies that an assessment evaluation must be conducted for every juvenile who is placed on informal adjustment and every juvenile who has been adjudicated of committing a juvenile crime. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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