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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 191, L.D. 202, Bill, "An Act to Improve Maine's Jail Diversion Programs"

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

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'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA c. 8-A is enacted to read:

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CHAPTER 8-A

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MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURTS

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§431. Mental health treatment courts

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1. Treatment courts; funding. The Judicial Department may seek and receive grants to establish mental health treatment courts.

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2. Report. Before implementing a mental health treatment court, the Judicial Department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters on at least:

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A. The funding mechanism and the expected duration of the funding;

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B. The plans for the mental health treatment court, which must include an evaluation component to determine the efficacy of the treatment court on short-term and long-term bases;

2 C. The potential fiscal effects on the State; and

4 D. Recommended legislation to implement the mental health
6 treatment court, if any.

8 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

10 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

12 **Courts - Supreme, Superior and District**

14 Initiative: Provides funds to establish a base allocation in
16 the event federal grant funds are secured for the purpose of
establishing mental health treatment courts.

18 Federal Expenditures Fund	2001-02	2002-03
All Other	\$0	\$500'

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

24 **'FISCAL NOTE**

26 **2002-03**

28 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

30 Other Funds	\$500
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32 This bill includes a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation of
34 \$500 in fiscal year 2002-03 to establish a base allocation of
36 funds in the event federal grants are awarded to the Judicial
Department to establish mental health treatment courts.'

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
42 Committee on Judiciary. It replaces the bill to provide enabling
44 legislation for the Judicial Department to apply for and receive
46 funding from sources other than the State to establish mental
48 health treatment courts, although it does not require the
Judicial Department to seek such funding to establish mental
health treatment courts. If the Judicial Department receives
funding, before implementation of mental health treatment courts
the Judicial Department must report to the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary
50 matters information about the funding and the plans for the
52 mental health treatment court.