

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 851

House of Representatives, February 22, 2001

### An Act Concerning Runaways.

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.  
Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and  
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, KASPRZAK of Newport,  
MENDROS of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, THOMAS of Orono, TOBIN of  
Dexter, Senator: McALEVEY of York.

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

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**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3501, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1977, c. 520,  
4 §1, is amended to read:

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**2. Limit.** Under no circumstances shall ~~may~~ any juvenile  
taken into interim care be held involuntarily for more than 6 18  
hours.

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**SUMMARY**

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Under current law, a juvenile taken into interim care by a  
law enforcement officer may not be held for more than 6 hours.  
This bill changes the time limit to 18 hours to more reasonably  
facilitate the identification of and juvenile's reunification  
with the juvenile's family.

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