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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1499, L.D. 2002, "Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study County Jail Population, Cost and Reimbursement by the State"

Amend the resolve in the 2nd paragraph after the title in the last line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "State" the following: 'and other issues that have long-term effects on the operation of county jails'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 2 to 4 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the 13 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice; and be it further

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the Senate chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice is the Senate chair of the commission and the House of Representatives chair of the committee is the House chair of the commission; and be it further

Sec. 4. Meetings. Resolved: That the chairs of the commission shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than May 15, 2002. The commission may hold up to 6 meetings; and be it further'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1499, L.D. 2002

Further amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all of subsections 5 and 6 (page 2, lines 24 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

5. Criminal court case loads, whether cases are being handled in a timely fashion and whether there are sufficient judicial resources allocated to handle the current case load;

6. Issues concerning female offenders in county jails;

7. State subsidies that support the operation of county jails and community corrections programs;

8. Alternative sentencing options and sentencing policies; and

9. The population that is being served and populations that are not served by the current county jail system; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 7 and 8 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the commission are entitled to the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission; and be it further

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than November 6, 2002. The commission is authorized to introduce legislation related to its report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Commission to Study County Jail Population, Costs and Reimbursement by the State

Initiative: Provides for the per diem and expenses of the Commission to Study County Jail Population, Costs and Reimbursement by the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services	\$1,430	\$2,860
4	All Other	<u>1,300</u>	<u>3,400</u>
	General Fund Total	\$2,730	\$6,260'

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Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
8 summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

12		2001-02	2002-03
14	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
16	General Fund	\$2,730	\$6,260

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The Legislature will require additional General Fund
20 appropriations of \$2,730 and \$6,260 in fiscal years 2001-02 and
2002-03, respectively, for the per diem and expenses of the
22 legislative members of the Commission to Study County Jail
Population, Cost and Reimbursement by the State and to print the
24 required report.

26 The additional costs associated with providing staff
assistance to the commission during the interim between
28 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing
existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting
30 deadline is granted and the commission requires staffing
assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may
32 require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
staff services.

34 The Department of Corrections will incur some minor
36 additional costs associated with the commission. These costs can
be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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40 **SUMMARY**

42 This amendment replaces the membership of the commission
with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The
44 amendment expands the duties of the commission to study state
subsidies that support county jails and community corrections
46 programs, alternative sentencing options and sentencing policies,
and populations that are and are not being served by the county
48 jail system. The amendment also adds an appropriations and
allocations section and a fiscal note to the resolve.