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In Senate, February 3, 2005

An Act To Encourage Greater Efficiencies in the Delivery of County Correctional Services

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham and
Senators: CLUKEY of Aroostook, DIAMOND of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin,
STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GERZOFSKY of
Brunswick, SYKES of Harrison.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to encourage greater efficiencies in the
12 delivery of county correctional services using one or more of the
14 following:

16 1. State funds for cost-benefit analyses and start-up
18 expenses of innovative and cost-saving correctional facilities
20 and programs, including those shared by 2 or more counties;

22 2. State financial incentives through the community
24 corrections provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A,
26 section 1210-A for a county or group of counties that demonstrate
an ability to reduce the cost of providing correctional services
while maintaining the level of service required by state and
federal rules, laws and constitutional requirements;

30 3. Reductions in existing legal, geographic, technological
32 and other impediments to the more efficient delivery of
34 correctional services, including, but not limited to:

36 A. Legal barriers to holding pretrial judicial proceedings
38 and trials in the court nearest the place of incarceration
in order to reduce inmate transport costs; and

B. Increased utilization of video circuits for arraignments
and other proceedings; and

4. A state-administered county correctional facility
construction agency modeled along the lines of the programs that
finance the construction of public schools or state government
facilities.