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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1301, L.D. 1861, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Ability of the Department of Corrections To Share Information Related to Clients in Order To Improve Treatment and Rehabilitative Services"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, immediately authorizing the Department of Corrections to share information regarding juvenile clients with the Department of Health and Human Services will facilitate timely and comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation plans for clients; and

Whereas, immediately authorizing the Department of Corrections to share client information with other state agencies will allow for cross-referencing and determination of any overlap in services and proper identification of populations served and will also allow for agency savings and expedited treatment; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1301, L.D. 1861

2 '**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause to the
bill to more quickly facilitate the sharing of information
10 between the Department of Corrections and the Department of
Health and Human Services and other agencies.