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House of Representatives, March 22, 2007

An Act To Authorize Judges To Mandate Counseling for Juvenile Offenders

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CONOVER of Oakland, Speaker CUMMINGS
of Portland, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, HOLMAN of Fayette, TARDY of Newport, Senators:
HASTINGS of Oxford, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§1, ¶J** is enacted to read:

3 J. The court may order the juvenile to receive counseling if the court determines
4 counseling is appropriate. The court may also order counseling for a juvenile who
5 reneges on or fails to fulfill the requirements of an official or unofficial plea
6 agreement. Counseling may be ordered under this paragraph regardless of the wishes
7 of the juvenile or the juvenile's parent or legal guardian.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill allows a court to order counseling for a juvenile who has been adjudicated as
10 having committed a crime or who reneges on or fails to fulfill the requirements of an
11 official or unofficial plea agreement, regardless of the wishes of the juvenile or the
12 juvenile's parent or legal guardian.