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House of Representatives, January 6, 2010

**Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Juvenile Justice
Task Force**

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HASKELL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and
Representatives: EVES of North Berwick, MAGNAN of Stockton Springs, ROTUNDO of
Lewiston, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland, TRINWARD of
Waterville, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator: BLISS of Cumberland.

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

3 Whereas, the Legislature recognizes the immediate need to better coordinate
4 services for juveniles in order to improve and protect their educational opportunities,
5 safety and health; and

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

10 **Sec. 1. Coordinated services district system. Resolved:** That the
11 Department of Corrections, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and
12 Human Services and the Department of Labor shall develop a jointly agreed-upon
13 statewide coordinated services district system by June 1, 2010. The system shall
14 coordinate and implement service delivery initiatives to increase high school graduation
15 rates, reduce the number of youth in the juvenile justice system, reduce child abuse and
16 neglect and increase employment opportunities for youth. The system shall work with
17 and report to the Children's Cabinet and the commissioners who are members of the
18 cabinet; and be it further

19 **Sec. 2. Corrections demonstration projects. Resolved:** That, by December
20 1, 2010, the Department of Corrections shall design and implement 2 demonstration
21 projects that use a capitated funding model to provide services for youth who are in the
22 juvenile justice system. The goals for the demonstration projects are to increase school
23 completion and reduce the use of detention and incarceration. The demonstration
24 projects shall include access to a full array of in-home and out-of-home placements and
25 substance abuse and mental health services. The demonstration projects shall work with
26 the coordinated services district system developed under section 1 and the Children's
27 Cabinet to coordinate services and to ensure flexible funding and timely response and
28 provision of services. The demonstration projects must be funded with existing
29 resources; and be it further

30 **Sec. 3. Plan for in-home and out-of-home placements. Resolved:** That, by
31 June 1, 2010, the Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Department of
32 Health and Human Services, shall develop a plan that will detail a statewide system for
33 in-home and out-of-home placements for youth in the juvenile justice system. The plan
34 must include funding options for emergency shelter placements, foster home placements
35 and residential placements; and be it further

36 **Sec. 4. Plan that identifies ongoing mechanism to ensure provision of**
37 **flexible funding for youth services from multiple agencies. Resolved:** That, by
38 June 1, 2010, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Human
39 Services and the Department of Education shall together develop a plan that identifies an
40 ongoing mechanism for providing flexible funding for youth who are served by multiple
41 state agencies. The plan must include resources from public, private and nonprofit
42 sectors; and be it further

