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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 391, L.D. 546, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 3. Continuing role of the task force on juvenile justice system assessment and reinvestment convened in 2019.** The Juvenile Justice Advisory Group shall reestablish the task force established by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group in 2019 to study and make recommendations on juvenile justice system assessment and reinvestment, referred to in this Act as "the task force." The task force shall work with stakeholder groups as well as the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the recommendations identified in the February 2020 Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force report. The task force shall work with members of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group on the development of strategic interventions and investments in a community-based continuum of therapeutic services for justice-involved youths that divert youths from detention and commitment, reduce the rates of detention and commitment across the State and achieve the benchmarks for progress established in section 2 of this Act. The task force shall work with the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group to engage justice-involved youths to advise the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group in the performance of this work.

**Sec. 4. Annual reporting by the Department of Corrections through 2025.** By February 15th, beginning in 2022 and annually through 2025, the Department of Corrections shall provide a report, in person, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The report must provide detailed information regarding:

1. The efforts of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to offer diversion options for justice-involved youths and to reduce the rates of detention and commitment of youths across the State;

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1 2. The successes and challenges of the Department of Corrections in achieving the  
2 benchmarks for detained and committed youths set forth in section 2 of this Act;

3 3. The successes and challenges of the Department of Corrections and the Department  
4 of Health and Human Services in expanding access to community-based, therapeutic  
5 services or programs funded under section 8 of this Act for the purpose of diverting justice-  
6 involved youths from detention and commitment and reducing the rates of youth detention  
7 and commitment;

8 4. The successes and challenges of the nonprofit community agencies that have been  
9 awarded contracts to provide community-based, nonresidential, therapeutic services and  
10 programs for the purpose of diverting justice-involved youths from detention and  
11 commitment and reducing the rate of youth detention and commitment as funded under  
12 section 8 of this Act;

13 5. The number and outcomes of youths served in the prior year by the nonprofit  
14 community-based agencies awarded contracts under sections 6 and 7 of this Act;

15 6. The number of staff at the Long Creek Youth Development Center as of the  
16 preceding December 1st and staffing levels and challenges at the facility; and

17 7. The strategic plan developed by the Department of Corrections and the Department  
18 of Health and Human Services in consultation with the task force and the related  
19 improvements to the juvenile justice system.'

20 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

21 **Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
22 allocations are made.

23 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **School and Student Supports Z270**

25 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support restorative justice efforts as a means to  
26 achieving the diversion of youth from the juvenile justice system and commitment to the  
27 Department of Corrections.

28 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
29 All Other	\$500,000	\$0
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31 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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33 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

34 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
35 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
36		
37 <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

38 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

39 **Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

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1 Initiative: Provides an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services to  
2 provide one-time funding to providers of community-based, therapeutic services or  
3 programs for the purpose of diverting justice-involved youths from detention and  
4 commitment and reducing the rate of youth detention and commitment.

5	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
6	All Other	\$500,000	\$0
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8	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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10 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF**  
12 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

13		<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
14	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$500,000	\$0
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16	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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18 **SECTION TOTALS**

19		<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
20	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$1,000,000	\$0
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22	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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24 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
25 number to read consecutively.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment clarifies the language regarding the duties and functioning of the  
28 reconvened task force on juvenile justice system assessment and reinvestment. The  
29 amendment requires the annual report of the Department of Corrections to be made by  
30 February 15, 2022, to be made in person and to include the strategic plan developed by the  
31 Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services in  
32 consultation with the task force and the related improvements to the juvenile justice system.  
33 The amendment provides funding of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to the Department of  
34 Health and Human Services for the purposes of providing one-time funding to nonprofit  
35 community-based providers for community-based, therapeutic services or programs for the  
36 purpose of diverting justice-involved youths from detention and commitment and reducing  
37 the rate of youth detention. The amendment provides one-time funding to the Department  
38 of Education to support restorative justice efforts as a means to achieving the diversion of  
39 youth from the juvenile justice system and commitment to the Department of Corrections  
40 in fiscal year 2021-22 of \$500,000.

41 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

42 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 546

LR 281(02)

## An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *CH-616*

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to the School and Student Supports program within the Department of Education to support restorative justice efforts as a means to achieving the diversion of youth from the juvenile justice system and commitment to the Department of Corrections.

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to provide one-time funding to providers of community-based, therapeutic services or programs for the purpose of diverting justice-involved youths from detention and commitment and reducing the rate of youth detention and commitment.

Any additional costs to the Department of Corrections to submit an annual report are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.