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House of Representatives, March 8, 2021

An Act To Divert Older Youth from the Adult Criminal Justice System

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

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

5 This bill proposes to create the Transition to Adulthood Diversion Program that mirrors
6 the Maine Juvenile Code in terms of its goals of rehabilitation and diversion, including
7 diversion to programs based in restorative practices.

8 This bill would require that a percentage of persons 18 years of age or older and under
9 25 years of age who are black, indigenous or other persons of color currently in the criminal
10 justice system be diverted into the Transition to Adulthood Diversion Program.

11 This bill would provide to the Transition to Adulthood Diversion Program the same
12 percentage of funding currently provided for juveniles in this age group who are in
13 community-based diversion programs.