

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 27, 2021

An Act To Establish and Practice Restorative Justice

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of 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 amend the Maine Juvenile Code and the Maine Criminal Code to
6 incorporate the principles and values of restorative justice. Restorative justice is a
7 mechanism to address crime, disputes and community conflict through one or more
8 meetings that are facilitated by one or more trained and impartial individuals and that
9 include the victim, offender and representatives of the community. A central focus of
10 restorative justice is identifying the harm caused by the offender, attempting to make
11 amends and promoting reintegration while emphasizing the importance of community
12 partnership and engagement.