

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE  
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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1983

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## CHAPTER 52

S.P. 532 - L.D. 1555

AN ACT Concerning State Assistance to  
Areas Affected by Non-English Speaking  
Immigrants and Refugees.

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

Sec. 1. Educational programs available to non-English speaking immigrants and refugees; study. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services shall study the educational programs available to non-English speaking immigrants and refugees within the State and methods of providing assistance.

Sec. 2. Report. The department shall complete the study and report its findings and recommendations and any necessary implementing legislation on or before January 4, 1984, to the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. This report shall address the matters set out in this Act and shall include proposed legislation in proper draft form to effectuate such course of action as the department may recommend in that report.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 53

H.P. 1270 - L.D. 1684

AN ACT to Create a Maine Sentencing  
Guidelines Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Purpose and findings. The Legislature finds that appropriate sentencing of persons convicted of crimes, including the imposition of alternative sentences and probation, is of substantial importance to the people of this State in that appropriate sentencing reflects the proper balancing of punishment, deterrence, public protection and rehabilitation, the cornerstones of our penal system. The Legislature further finds that disparate sentences for similar crimes by similarly situated defendants