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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1985

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**RESOLVES**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
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## CHAPTER 27

H.P. 931 - L.D. 1337

Resolve, Relating to the Development of an  
Interagency Plan to Address the  
Identified Gaps in Mental Health  
Services for Children and Families.

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

Whereas, the availability of mental health support and placement resources is inadequate to meet the current needs of Maine children and families requiring these services; and

Whereas, the development of additional placement resources is expected to become a critical issue over the next 2 years; and

Whereas, information was presented to the Commission to Examine the Availability, Quality and Delivery of Services Provided to Children with Special Needs regarding gaps that have been identified in mental health services for children and families; and

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

Identification of gaps. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation identify gaps in mental health services for their respective clients; and be it further

Interagency plan. Resolved: That the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall take lead responsibility in an interagency effort to develop a plan to address the gaps in mental health services identified by the 4 departments; and be it further

Role of inpatient mental health services. Resolved: That the plan will give particular consideration to the role that public and private in-

patient mental health services will play in a network of mental health services; and be it further

**Reports. Resolved:** That the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, in conjunction with the Department of Corrections, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and the Department of Human Services shall submit a written report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than January 15, 1986; and be it further

**Copies of resolve forwarded. Resolved:** That suitable copies of this resolve be forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 4, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 28

H.P. 932 - L.D. 1338

### Resolve, Relating to Improved Delivery of Services to Juvenile Justice Clients.

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

Whereas, the juvenile justice system currently lacks sufficient resources to intervene effectively to maintain juveniles in their homes and communities except in instances involving the protection of the community; and

Whereas, the knowledge of placement procedures and resources vary among professionals involved in making placement decisions for juvenile justice clients and insufficient information to support decisions made at the dispositional hearings of juveniles; and