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House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

An Act To Create the Position of Juvenile Community Service Director in the Department of Corrections

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Gardiner, HASKELL of Portland, PLUMMER of Windham, SANBORN of Gorham, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §7009** is enacted to read:

3 **§7009. Juvenile Community Service Director**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Database" means the comprehensive community service program database as
7 described in subsection 3, paragraph C.

8 B. "Director" means the Juvenile Community Service Director.

9 C. "Program" means a community service program for juveniles.

10 **2. Appointment.** The Juvenile Community Service Director is appointed by the
11 commissioner and serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.

12 **3. Duties and responsibilities.** The director shall consult with juvenile community
13 corrections officers, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, the judicial branch, prosecutors
14 and other juvenile justice agencies to identify effective services for juvenile clients. The
15 director shall coordinate volunteers, community businesses and nonprofit organizations to
16 create opportunities for programs for juveniles and manage the database under paragraph
17 C. Specifically, the director shall:

18 A. Provide oversight and direction for the achievement of juvenile community
19 service through planning and executing innovative programs;

20 B. Evaluate and improve upon the structure, systems, resources and tools of the
21 juvenile justice system and juvenile community services and treatment programs to
22 maximize effectiveness and ensure efficient and effective operations and measurable
23 growth in the provision of programs for juveniles;

24 C. Create and organize a comprehensive community service database that includes
25 contact information for all programs that are available through nonprofit
26 organizations, faith-based groups, business partners and other persons and that may
27 be used to obtain high school credit or satisfy court-ordered community service. The
28 database must include at least one telephone number or publicly accessible website to
29 enable volunteers to find the information needed to join a program in their own
30 community;

31 D. Communicate with all organizations that offer programs for juveniles and publish
32 on a publicly accessible website a current schedule of programs by zip code;

33 E. Recruit businesses to provide meaningful programs to benefit juveniles and the
34 community and assist those businesses in creating programs and matching them with
35 the organizations that work with volunteers;

36 F. Inform schools of the database and assist them in finding or creating programs
37 within each school unit; and

