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An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LAFOUNTAIN of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3203-A, sub-§4, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt.
3 KKKK, §1, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (2) to read:

4 (2) To provide physical care for a juvenile who cannot return home because there
5 is not a parent or other suitable person willing and able to supervise and care for
6 the juvenile adequately;

7 **Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3203-A, sub-§4, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt.
8 KKKK, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

9 (4) To prevent the juvenile from inflicting bodily harm on others; or

10 **Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §3203-A, sub-§4, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt.
11 KKKK, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

12 (5) To protect the juvenile from an immediate threat of bodily harm; or

13 **Sec. 4. 15 MRSA §3203-A, sub-§4, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt.
14 KKKK, §1, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (6) to read:

15 (6) To prevent the juvenile from committing juvenile crimes or criminal offenses
16 if released, whether conditionally or unconditionally.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides 2 additional grounds for the detention of a juvenile: in cases when
19 adult supervision is not available for the juvenile and to prevent the juvenile from
20 committing offenses.