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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1206, L.D. 1617, “An Act To Establish and Practice Restorative Justice”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Victim Services Laws To Define "Restorative Justice" '

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15-B is enacted to read:

15-B. Restorative justice. "Restorative justice" means a practice in which offenders take responsibility for causing harm and engage in a facilitated process with victims, family members, community members, advocates and others impacted by the harm that focuses on repairing the harm, addressing needs and preventing future harm.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the concept draft. It borrows from the definition of "restorative justice program" in the Maine Juvenile Code to define "restorative justice" as used by the Office of Victim Services within the Department of Corrections. The Office of Victim Services is already responsible for assisting victims with obtaining victim compensation, restitution and other benefits of restorative justice.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT