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## **An Act To Establish a Separate State Council for Juveniles under the Interstate Compact for Juveniles**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §9921**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 706, Pt. B, §9, is amended to read:

### **§ 9921.State Council for Adult Offender Supervision established**

The State Council for ~~Juvenile and~~ Adult Offender Supervision, referred to in this section as "the council," is established to provide oversight and guidance to the State's participation in the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision ~~and the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.~~

**1. Membership.** The council consists of ~~at least 87~~ members as follows:

A. ~~One member of the~~The Senate, ~~appointed by the President of the Senate~~chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters or the chair's designee;

B. ~~One member of the~~The House of Representatives, ~~appointed by the Speaker of the House~~chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters or the chair's designee;

C. Three members who are appointed by the ~~Governor~~commissioner for a term of 4 years, or until a successor is appointed, and who are eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the ~~Governor~~commissioner:

(1) One prosecutor;

(2) One representative of a statewide association representing victims of crime; and

(3) One representative representing law enforcement;

D. ~~The compact administrators~~administrator for the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision ~~and the Interstate Compact for Juveniles~~, who may be ~~designee~~a designee appointed by the ~~Commissioner of Corrections~~commissioner to administer the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision ~~and the Interstate Compact for Juveniles~~; and

E. The Associate Commissioner for Adult Services or the associate commissioner's designee; ~~and.~~

F. ~~The Associate Commissioner for Juvenile Services or the associate commissioner's designee.~~

The council shall invite the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to designate a trial judge to act as advisor to the council.

**Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §9922** is enacted to read:

**§ 9922. State Council for Juvenile Supervision established**

The State Council for Juvenile Supervision, referred to in this section as "the council," is established to provide oversight and guidance to the State's participation in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

**1. Membership.** The council consists of 7 members as follows:

A. The Senate chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters or the chair's designee;

B. The House chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters or the chair's designee;

C. Three members who are appointed by the commissioner for a term of 4 years, or until a successor is appointed, who are eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the commissioner and who are members of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group appointed by the Governor under section 1209:

(1) One prosecutor;

(2) One representative of a statewide association representing victims of crime; and

(3) One representative representing law enforcement;

D. The compact administrator for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, who may be a designee appointed by the commissioner to administer the Interstate Compact for Juveniles; and

E. The Associate Commissioner for Juvenile Services or the associate commissioner's designee.

The council shall invite the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to designate a trial judge to act as advisor to the council.

**Sec. 3. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause.** In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, chapter 9, subchapter 8, in the subchapter headnote, the words "state council" are amended to read "state councils" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

## SUMMARY

This bill amends the combined interstate compacts for the supervision of juveniles and adult offenders, as adopted by the State, to establish a separate state council for juveniles as required by the

Interstate Compact for Juveniles. These compacts apply to the supervision of juveniles and adult offenders who are on probation, as well as others, and who wish to move from the state in which they were sentenced to another state. Under current law, there is a single state council for adult offender and juvenile supervision. The State Council for Juvenile Supervision includes membership appointed to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group in order to ensure coordination and communication of policies and protocols affecting juvenile justice practices.