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House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

An Act Regarding the Detention, Supervision and Transportation of Arrested Juveniles

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DRINKWATER of Milford, HALL of Wilton, JACKSON of Oxford, MASON of Lisbon, PAUL of Winterport, RUDNICKI of Fairfield, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3203-A, sub-§4, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 624, Pt. B,
3 §5, is further amended by enacting a new first blocked paragraph to read:

4 If the Juvenile Court or a juvenile community corrections officer orders detention of a
5 juvenile in a detention facility, the Juvenile Court or juvenile community corrections
6 officer must ensure that, to the extent practicable, the juvenile is detained in a detention
7 facility that is within a safe and reasonable distance from the community in which the
8 juvenile was arrested.

9 **Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3203-A, sub-§7-C** is enacted to read:

10 **7-C. Transportation and supervision.** Transportation of a juvenile to or from court
11 or to or from a detention facility must be conducted by a juvenile community corrections
12 officer or designated supervisor. At all times while a juvenile is in custody or detained, the
13 juvenile must be supervised by a juvenile community corrections officer or designated
14 supervisor.

15 SUMMARY

16 This bill requires the Juvenile Court or a juvenile community corrections officer who
17 determines that a juvenile requires detention to identify and place a juvenile in a detention
18 facility that is within a safe and reasonable distance from the arresting community. The
19 bill also requires that all transportation of a juvenile to or from court or to or from a juvenile
20 facility be conducted by a juvenile community corrections officer or designated supervisor.
21 Finally, the bill requires that, at all times while a juvenile is detained, the juvenile must be
22 supervised by a juvenile community corrections officer or designated supervisor.