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## **An Act To Authorize Judges To Mandate Counseling for Juvenile Offenders**

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

**Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§1, ¶J** is enacted to read:

J. The court may order the juvenile to receive counseling if the court determines counseling is appropriate. The court may also order counseling for a juvenile who reneges on or fails to fulfill the requirements of an official or unofficial plea agreement. Counseling may be ordered under this paragraph regardless of the wishes of the juvenile or the juvenile's parent or legal guardian.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill allows a court to order counseling for a juvenile who has been adjudicated as having committed a crime or who reneges on or fails to fulfill the requirements of an official or unofficial plea agreement, regardless of the wishes of the juvenile or the juvenile's parent or legal guardian.