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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 30, L.D. 18, "An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers"

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

'An Act to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers at Department of Corrections Facilities and Study Correctional Service Fees and Collections'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 5th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$5 \$25" and inserting the following: '\$5'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 6th line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$5 \$25" and inserting the following: '\$5'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 13th, 14th and 15th lines (page 1, lines 16 to 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", After first being used to defray this cost, money is retained by the facility to offset the cost of medical and dental services, prescriptions, medication and prosthetic devices" and inserting the following: 'medical and dental services, prescriptions, medication and prosthetic devices'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Department of Corrections to convene working group. The Department of Corrections shall convene a working group to study all collections and fees assessed to correctional facility clients and review the effect those fees have on a client's ability to pay for facility services. The working group must consist of the following members:

1. The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
2. A client from the Maine State Prison;
3. A client from the Maine Correctional Center;
4. A client from either the Downeast Correctional Facility or the Mountain View Correctional Facility;

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- 1 5. A client from the Bolduc Correctional Facility;
- 2 6. A client from the Southern Maine Women's Reentry Center or the Maine
- 3 Correctional Women's Center;
- 4 7. A representative from the Office of the Attorney General that works with the crime
- 5 victims' compensation program; and
- 6 8. A representative from a prisoner's advocacy organization.

7 By January 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report that includes the findings of
 8 the working group for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice
 9 and Public Safety. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the
 10 Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

11 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 12 allocations are made.

13 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

14 **Administration - Corrections 0141**

15 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for one limited-period Management Analyst II
 16 position and related costs to convene and administer the working group and report the
 17 results. The position will end no later than March 31, 2026.

18 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
19 Personal Services	\$88,718	\$0
20 All Other	\$14,707	\$0
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22 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$103,425	\$0

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

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the increased
 28 fees for medical and dental services and requires that those fees go only toward payment
 29 of medical care support workers. The amendment requires the Department of Corrections
 30 to convene a working group to study and review all financial assessments made on
 31 correctional facility clients and to submit a report by January 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing
 32 Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, which may report out legislation to the
 33 Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The amendment also adds an
 34 appropriations and allocations section.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

36 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 18****LR 180(02)**

An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment A" (S. 268)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$103,425	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$103,425	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Corrections of \$103,425 in fiscal year 2025-26 for one limited-period Management Analyst II position and related costs to convene and administer the working group and report the results. The position will end no later than March 31, 2026.