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Augusta, Maine
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§4205. Employees of the facility

Employees of the facility have the same power as do deputy sheriffs in their respective counties to search for and apprehend escapees from the facility when authorized to do so by the ~~director~~ warden.

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CHAPTER 5
H.P. 49 - L.D. 85

An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§36-C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

36-C.

Table with 4 columns: Human Services, Maine, Not Authorized, 22 MRSA. Row 1: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council, Maine, Expenses/Legislative Per Diem for Nonsalaried Employee Members, §3789-D.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3789-D, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §7, is further amended to read:

§3789-D. Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

1. Duties. The Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council, as referred to in this section as "the council," is established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 36-C, shall to advise the commissioner or the commissioner's designee regarding education, training, job opportunities, quality employment and business ownership opportunities, the operation of any postsecondary education programs administered by the department and other matters affecting recipients of TANF recipients cash and other TANF recipients.

2. Members. The commissioner shall appoint the members of the council. Members who fail to attend 2 meetings within a 12-month period may be removed from the council. Members must include at least the following:

- A. Two recipients of benefits under the TANF program;
B. One representative of employers within the State;
C. One representative of organized labor;
D. One representative of women's interests;

E. One or more representatives of organizations or agencies that have experience in addressing the training, education and job needs of low-income women;

F. One representative of the one-stop delivery system established under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 United States Code, Section 3151; and

G. Two representatives of postsecondary education, one representing private institutions and one representing public institutions.

3. Advice regarding postsecondary education programs. The council shall establish a postsecondary education subcommittee, consisting of up to 15 members and nonmembers of the council. The subcommittee must include but is not limited to the following representatives:

A. A representative of the department, appointed by the commissioner;

B. A representative of the University of Maine System who represents the interests of women or nontraditional students at one of the campuses, appointed by the chancellor;

C. A representative of the Finance Authority of Maine appointed by the chief executive officer;

D. Representatives of the Maine Community College System, including a gender coordinator at one of the campuses, appointed by the president; and

E. Representatives of the following groups, appointed by the council:

- (1) Nonprofit service organizations that assist parents who are nontraditional students;
(2) TANF participants or participants of the Parents as Scholars Program established in chapter 1054-B who are enrolled in postsecondary education programs;
(3) Nonprofit organizations that prepare parents to be nontraditional postsecondary education students;
(4) Organizations that represent low income parents and that have significant knowledge of public assistance programs;
(5) Organizations that advocate for the interests of women;
(6) The business community; and
(7) Private postsecondary educational institutions.

By March 1, 1998, the subcommittee shall make recommendations to the council for improving the administration of the Parents as Scholars Program under section

~~3790, improving the program to make it more successful for participants and maximizing resources to meet the goals of the program. The council shall approve, disapprove or modify the recommendations of the subcommittee and report their recommendation to the commissioner.~~

4. Compensation and expenses. A member of the council who is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the council by the member's employer or the entity the member represents may be compensated in an amount not to exceed the legislative per diem for the member's time and reimbursed for expenses, including but not limited to meals and refreshments provided during a meeting of the council, child care and travel.

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**CHAPTER 6
H.P. 62 - L.D. 97**

**An Act to Facilitate the
Improvement of Credit Scores
of Residents of Department of
Corrections Facilities**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §2016, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 299, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Payment of restitution or fines from other sources. A prisoner, other than one addressed by subsection 1, who receives money, from any source, shall pay 25% of that money to any victim or the court if the court has ordered that restitution or a fine be paid. The chief administrative officer of the correctional facility in which the prisoner is incarcerated shall collect and disburse to the victim or victims that portion of the prisoner's money ordered as restitution. The chief administrative officer of the correctional facility where the prisoner is incarcerated shall also collect and disburse to the court that portion of the prisoner's money ordered as fines after the restitution is paid in full. If the victim or victims ordered by the court to receive restitution cannot be located, the correctional facility shall forward the funds, as provided in section 2009, to the Treasurer of State to be handled as unclaimed property. Money received by the prisoner and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the Department of Corrections for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this subsection, except that 25% of any money received by the prisoner and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client account at the time of the prisoner's discharge or transfer to supervised

community confinement must be collected and disbursed as provided in this subsection. Money received by the prisoner as a credit improvement loan in accordance with Title 34-A, section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this subsection.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3032, sub-§5-A, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 506, §4, is further amended to read:

A. Restitution may be imposed for the purpose of replacing or repairing property destroyed or damaged by the prisoner or juvenile while the prisoner or juvenile is at the institution. When restitution is imposed at a facility, a prisoner or a juvenile who is subject to that restitution and who receives money from any source shall pay 25% of that money to the facility where the destruction or damage occurred. The facility shall collect that money and apply it to defray the cost of replacement or repair of the items destroyed or damaged. Money received by the prisoner or juvenile and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this paragraph, except that 25% of any money received by the prisoner or juvenile and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client account at the time of the prisoner's or juvenile's discharge or transfer to supervised community confinement or community reintegration status must be collected and disbursed as provided in this paragraph. Money received by the prisoner or juvenile as a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this paragraph.

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3032, sub-§5-A, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 506, §5, is further amended to read:

A-1. Restitution may be imposed for the purpose of paying the cost of medical care incurred as a result of the conduct of a prisoner or juvenile while the prisoner or juvenile is at the institution. When restitution is imposed at a facility, a prisoner or a juvenile who is subject to that restitution and who receives money from any source shall pay 25% of that money to the facility where the medical care was provided. The facility shall collect that money and apply it to defray the cost of medical care. Money received by the prisoner or juvenile and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this paragraph, except that 25% of any money received by the prisoner or juvenile and transferred from the telephone call account to the department's general client account at the time of the prisoner's or juvenile's discharge or transfer to supervised community confinement or