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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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At the time of commitment, the court shall inform the Department of Corrections or the county sheriff of any unpaid balances on assessments owed by the offender to the Victims' Compensation Fund. All funds collected as a result of these assessments or transferred in accordance with Title 34-A, section 1214-C, subsection 5 accrue to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1214-C is enacted to read:

§1214-C. Victims' Reparative Account

The Victims' Reparative Account, referred to in this section as "the account," is established within the department for the purpose of providing a mechanism for offenders to voluntarily make reparations to the victims of their crimes.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Offender" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2002, subsection 5; and

B. "Victim" includes an authorized claimant for restitution described in Title 17-A, section 2004, subsection 1 or 4.

2. Administration. The Victim Services Coordinator under section 1214 shall administer the account. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all administrative costs of the account must be absorbed by the department.

3. Funding. Money donated by an offender seeking to make reparations to the offender's victims must be deposited into the account and designated to the victim for whose benefit the offender wishes to deposit the money. Money may not be donated to the account by an offender if the donation would affect the offender's ability to pay any court-ordered restitution to all victims of the offender's crimes. Once deposited in the account, an offender may not reclaim the money.

4. Use. The Victim Services Coordinator shall ensure that reasonable efforts are made to locate and notify the victim for whose benefit an offender has deposited money into the account. If a victim opts to claim the money deposited for that victim's benefit, a victim may use the money claimed under this section for any purpose.

5. Final disposition. If, within 5 years of deposit from an offender, money has not been claimed by the victim for whose benefit the offender has deposited the money, the department may deduct an amount necessary to defray administrative costs of the account and shall transfer the remaining money in the account designated for that victim to the Victims' Compensation Fund established by Title 5, section 3360-H.

6. Confidentiality. All records of deposits or claims in the account and the use of the money deposited in accordance with subsections 3 and 4 are confidential and may not be disclosed except by the victim. The records may also be disclosed to employees of the department as necessary for those employees in the performance of any official duty.

7. Participation voluntary. The deposit of money in the account by an offender is voluntary. An adverse action may not be threatened or taken against an offender for not depositing funds in the account. An offender may not be offered or given any incentive for participating in the deposit of money in the account and the decision of an offender whether to deposit funds into the account may not be used as either a mitigating or aggravating factor in any decision made by the department. An offender may not disclose the offender's donation of money to the account for any purpose, including to influence a clemency petition. If an offender violates this subsection, the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility shall prohibit the offender from donating to the account.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Victim Services 0046

Initiative: Establishes the Victims' Reparative Account with a base Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$500.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

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CHAPTER 529

S.P. 270 - L.D. 587

An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6304-A is enacted to read:

§6304-A. Policy for access to automated external defibrillators

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, a school administrative unit shall develop and implement a policy that provides access to automated external defibrillators at all school-sponsored athletic events in which students are participating on school property, including team practices. The policy must include how a person can access an automated external defibrillator while attending a school-sponsored athletic event. An automated external defibrillator acquired by a school administrative unit pursuant to this section must be tested and maintained according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines. Appropriate first aid, ambulance, rescue service or other appropriate local emergency medical service providers must be notified of the location and type of automated external defibrillator acquired.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6304-B is enacted to read:

§6304-B. Athletic emergency action plans; automated external defibrillator

A school administrative unit shall develop and implement an athletic emergency action plan based on recommendations from a nationally recognized heart health organization or nationally recognized athletic training organization that addresses the appropriate, venue-specific use of an automated external defibrillator by school personnel to respond to an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while attending or participating in a school-sponsored athletic event on school property, including a team practice.

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CHAPTER 530

S.P. 314 - L.D. 697

**An Act to Direct the Maine
Prescription Drug
Affordability Board to Assess
Strategies to Reduce
Prescription Drug Costs and to
Take Steps to Implement
Reference-based Pricing**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §2041, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. A, §5, is amended to read:

2. Membership. The board ~~has 5~~ consists of 6 members with expertise in health policy, health care data, health care economics or clinical medicine, who may not be affiliated with or represent the interests of a pharmaceutical manufacturer or a public payor, ~~as that term is defined in section 2042, and who are appointed~~ as follows:

A. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall also appoint one alternate board member who will participate in deliberations of the board in the event a member appointed by the President of the Senate elects to be recused as provided in subsection 7, paragraph B;

B. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also appoint one alternate board member who will participate in deliberations of the board in the event a member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives elects to be recused as provided in subsection 7, paragraph B; ~~and~~

C. One member appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall also appoint one alternate board member who will participate in deliberations of the board in the event the member appointed by the Governor elects to be recused as provided in subsection 7, paragraph B; ~~and~~

D. The executive director of the Maine Health Data Organization established by Title 22, section 8703, or the executive director's designee, who serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §2041, sub-§9, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. A, §5, is amended to read:

9. Compensation. ~~A~~ Except for the member under subsection 2, paragraph D, a member of the board and a member of the advisory council appointed pursuant to subsection 10, paragraph L are entitled to legislative per diem and reimbursement for expenses as provided in section 12004-G, subsection 14-I.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §2041, sub-§10, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. A, §5, is amended to read:

10. Advisory council. ~~A 12-member 13-member advisory council is established to advise the board on establishing annual spending targets pursuant to section 2042, subsection 1 and determining methods for meeting those spending targets pursuant to section 2042, subsection 3. The advisory council consists of:~~

A. The Governor or the governor's designee;

B. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee;

C. The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;

D. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

E. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;