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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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A. Study efforts of other states and municipalities in other states that have modified their juvenile detention centers to determine the best practices for modifying the center;

B. Examine the current status of the land and facilities at the center to determine opportunities for modifying the land and facilities, including renovating existing buildings or constructing additional facilities;

C. Consider alternate uses for the land and facilities at the center, including but not limited to a crisis receiving center, an assessment of youth in crisis center, a youth emergency shelter, youth transitional housing and a community resource center;

D. Examine the current use of the center's budget and staffing and explore opportunities for alternative uses of financial and human resources for services, including, but not limited to, housing, behavioral health, education, substance use disorder prevention and treatment, wraparound case management and diversion;

E. Explore existing community-based services provided to youth and work with community-based organizations to determine potential programming that could take place at the center; and

F. Examine and recommend best practices for maintaining and operating a secure and safe facility for juvenile clients.

3. No later than February 15, 2028, the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall jointly submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters that includes the working group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation related to the working group's duties. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 625

H.P. 1343 - L.D. 2013

An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Adopt Emergency Rules to Protect Certain Marine Mammals in Exceptional Circumstances

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Emergency rules to limit taking of marine organisms. Notwithstanding subsections 3 and 5, the commissioner may adopt routine technical rules as emergency rules under Title 5, section 8054 that limit the taking of marine organisms by method or location to protect marine mammals listed under section 6975 when the commissioner, upon consultation with industry personnel, determines that immediate action is necessary to mitigate circumstances posing an exceptionally high level of risk to those mammals.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Annual report on use of emergency rule-making authority. The department shall submit a written report on or before January 1st of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters regarding the use of emergency rulemaking pursuant to subsection 6. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to any regular or special session of the Legislature in the year the report is due.

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CHAPTER 626

H.P. 1345 - L.D. 2015

An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1055, sub-§9, ¶E, as amended by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§4 and 25, is further amended to read:

E. The amount received for tuition; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1055, sub-§9, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. The number and type of the school administrative unit's vacant teacher and educational technician positions; and

Sec. 3. Department of Education; use of data. Activities undertaken by the Department of Education using data reported to the commissioner of education by superintendents of school administrative units pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1055, subsection 9, paragraph E-1, including, but not limited to, data aggregation and data mapping, must be done within existing resources.

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