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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 19, 2026.

CHAPTER 765
S.P. 769 - L.D. 1962

**An Act to Increase Legislative
Access to Department of
Corrections Facilities and to
Direct the Commissioner to
Establish Rules Regarding
Legislator Access to
Correctional and Detention
Facilities**

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 383, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Appointment. ~~The~~ Except as provided in paragraph H, the Governor shall appoint a board of 7 visitors for each correctional facility under the department, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5.

A. The terms of the members of the boards of visitors are for 3 years.

B. Members of the boards of visitors are eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms.

C. A member of the Legislature or an employee of the department may not serve on any board of visitors.

D. At least one member of each board must be a person licensed by this State to provide mental health services.

E. Each member of the boards of visitors must be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.

F. The Governor shall appoint a chair from the membership.

G. At least one member of each board of visitors must have been incarcerated in a correctional facility.

H. If a vacancy occurs within a board of visitors, the commissioner shall provide notice to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within 5 days of the vacancy. A vacancy on a board of visitors under this section must be filled by the Governor within 90 days of the notice of vacancy. If the Governor fails to appoint a member within 90 days of the notice of vacancy, the President of the Senate and the

Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint a member to fill the vacancy pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3001-B is enacted to read:

§3001-B. Legislator access to correctional facilities and detention facilities

A Legislator may access correctional facilities and detention facilities in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner. In accordance with section 1402, subsection 3, the commissioner shall adopt rules governing a Legislator's access to correctional facilities and detention facilities. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Rules regarding Legislator access. The Commissioner of Corrections shall submit major substantive rules to the Legislature pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3001-B by January 31, 2027. The rules must include provisions regarding:

1. A Legislator's access to physical areas of correctional facilities and detention facilities;

2. A Legislator's access to clients and staff; and

3. The circumstances in which a chief administrative officer may deny a Legislator access to correctional facilities and detention facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 766
H.P. 1310 - L.D. 1966

**An Act to Increase Disclosure
of Utility Charges and Improve
Access to Distributed
Generation Resources in the
State**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §301-A is enacted to read:

§301-A. Administrative charge limitation

1. "Administrative charge" defined. "Administrative charge" means a fee or charge for services that is added to the actual cost of materials or supplies or labor performed by or on behalf of a transmission and distribution utility with over 50,000 customers and charged to a transmission and distribution utility customer for work funded directly by that customer through a proposal, estimate, invoice or final accounting for the cost of interconnection, line extensions or other work funded directly by the customer other than charges for the customer's regular electricity service. "Administrative