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CHAPTER 73
H.P. 458 - L.D. 719

**Resolve, to Direct the County
Corrections Professional
Standards Council to Examine
Funding of and Compliance by
County and Regional Jails**

Sec. 1. County Corrections Professional Standards Council report. Resolved: That the County Corrections Professional Standards Council, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-D, referred to in this resolve as "the council," shall review information regarding the share of state funding for the County Jail Operations Fund established in Title 34-A, section 1210-E and county and regional jail compliance with certain statutory requirements or rules. In conducting this review, the council shall:

1. Review the status of county and regional jail compliance with audit requirements pursuant to Title 30-A, section 1662, subsection 2 and examine ways to incentivize compliance with these requirements;
2. Review the status of county and regional jail reporting to the Department of Corrections for expenses associated with operating county and regional jails pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1208-B, subsection 5 and examine ways to incentivize compliance with these requirements;
3. Review any unfunded mandates related to county and regional jails;
4. Examine improvements to the operations of the council; and
5. Examine future needs for state support for county and regional jail operations.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2026, the council shall submit a report based on the study under section 1, including any recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 74
H.P. 552 - L.D. 866

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife to Implement a
Landowner Antlerless Deer
Permit Gift Program**

Sec. 1. Program established. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish and implement a landowner antlerless deer permit gift program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," under which a person may purchase an antlerless deer permit for a landowner for \$12 as a gesture of appreciation for a landowner that allows hunting on the landowner's land.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters that includes an overview of the program and any suggested recommendations for legislative changes. The report must also include a description of the ways the department has engaged with and shown appreciation to landowners that allow hunting on those landowners' properties and the outreach conducted by the department to encourage hunters to show appreciation to landowners that allow hunting on those landowners' properties. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 75
H.P. 634 - L.D. 974

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Education to
Convene a Stakeholder Group
to Improve High School
Graduation Rates and Review
Policies Related to Graduation
Rate Data**

Sec. 1. Definition and policy updates; plan. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall develop a plan to implement certain recommendations outlined in the 2025 report on high school graduation rates published by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, including, but not limited to, updating demographic definitions and data suppression policies related to high school graduation rates in the State.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall convene a stake-