

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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7. It requires a correctional facility or detention facility housing female clients to ensure to the greatest extent practicable the presence of a female corrections officer during the transportation of a female client to and from a medical appointment and to ensure that the client is afforded the greatest amount of privacy practicable during the appointment consistent with safety and security considerations. It also adds a corresponding provision applicable to county jails housing female prisoners.
8. It requires the Department of Corrections to provide any person residing in a correctional or detention facility in the State at no cost to the person with the contact information for the Office of Child and Family Services and information on the relevance of that contact to the family reunification process.
9. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to evaluate options for obtaining publicly available information regarding persons incarcerated at county jail facilities and, by January 31, 2024, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters regarding its progress in obtaining that information and any findings or recommendations based on the information. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 131st Legislature in 2024.

LD 1797 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 556 expands the Maine Length of Service Award Program to apply to eligible volunteers and defines eligible volunteer as a bona fide volunteer performing qualified services in a fire department, ambulance service or non-transporting emergency medical service if that volunteer is an active part-time or on-call member of a fire department, a volunteer firefighter, an emergency medical services person or a qualified licensed emergency medical services ambulance operator. It expands the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees to include two licensed emergency medical services persons.

LD 1803 An Act to Attract and Retain Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel through the Maine Length of Service Award Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 721 appropriates from the General Fund to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission \$500,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to provide one-time funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.