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LD 1904 An Act to Make Technical Corrections to the Maine Juvenile Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 701 provides that notice of the Juvenile Court's order to seal juvenile case records, rather than a copy of the order itself, must be transmitted to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification.

LD 1905 An Act to Facilitate Communication between Prosecutors and Unrepresented Defendants While Protecting the Rights of Those Defendants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 668 ensures that a prosecutor does not communicate with an unrepresented defendant about the facts, circumstances, merits or disposition of a criminal charge pending against the defendant before the defendant has knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently waived the defendant's right to counsel. Chapter 668 clarifies the current law to provide that the defendant must have been informed of the defendant's right to counsel, including court-appointed counsel if the defendant is indigent, by the court. It provides that waiver of the right to counsel, required to be in writing, must be executed in court.

LD 1926 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Counsel, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 163 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Council, a major substantive rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Resolve 2021, chapter 163 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 20, 2022.

LD 1934 Resolve, Changing the Identifying and Reporting Responsibilities and Extending the Reporting Deadline for the Identification of Places in the State with Offensive Names

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 149 amends Resolve 2021, chapter 98 to extend from December 1, 2021 to December 1, 2022 the deadline for submitting to the Legislature the report on identifying and renaming geographic features and other places with offensive names, to remove the requirement that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry work jointly with the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations to review state law