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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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LD 2024 An Act to Allow County and Regional Communications Centers to Request Polygraph Examinations for Employees and Applicants for Employment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 574 amends the law on employers requiring employees and applicants for employment to submit to polygraph examinations. Under current law, law enforcement employees and applicants for positions with law enforcement agencies are subject to polygraph examinations as a condition of obtaining or holding employment; this includes persons who operate as dispatchers. Other emergency service dispatch employees or applicants for employment as emergency service dispatch employees are not subject to polygraph examinations, even though those employees may have access to confidential information. This law allows county and regional communications centers, which are dispatch centers for all emergency services, to require employees and applicants for employment to submit to a polygraph examination. It does not allow an employer to require a polygraph examination if the employer is a dispatch center that dispatches only fire services or emergency medical services and does not apply to an entity that is operated by or under the control of a law enforcement agency.

Public Law 2021, chapter 574 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2022.

LD 2040 An Act to Maintain a Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program for Maine’s Incarcerated Population

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 706 directs the Commissioner of Corrections to maintain a comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program in all state correctional facilities. The program must include, but is not limited to, screening, assessment and treatment of persons residing in correctional facilities for substance use disorder, including alcohol use disorder. The program must provide initial and ongoing training and technical assistance for correctional facility staff and health care practitioners in each correctional facility. The program must include coordination with community-based treatment and recovery organizations. The law requires the Department of Corrections to report annually regarding the program to the legislative committee having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters.