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LD 102 An Act to Notify the Public of Juveniles That Have Escaped a Department of Corrections Facility and to Direct the Department of Corrections to Study the Further Release of Juvenile Intelligence and Investigative Record Information

Public Law 2025, chapter 622 allows the Commissioner of Corrections, or the commissioner's designee, to publicly disclose certain juvenile information for the purpose of identifying and apprehending a juvenile who has escaped from a Department of Corrections facility when there is probable cause to believe that the juvenile presents a serious risk to the juvenile's own safety or public safety. The law also directs the Department of Corrections to convene a working group to examine best practices for apprehending juveniles for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued, who have escaped from arrest or who have escaped from arrest during transport following arrest. The working group shall submit a report based on the study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters no later than January 1, 2027. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 245 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 520 implements certain recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State as follows.

1. It establishes a permanent Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission to monitor and evaluate the State's emergency medical services system on a continuing basis and to provide recommendations to the appropriate state agencies and to the Legislature regarding necessary changes in the emergency medical services system.
2. It requires the municipal officers of a municipality to adopt and post a plan stipulating the method by which transporting emergency medical services will be delivered within the municipality. A municipality is not required to directly or indirectly provide or fund the delivery of transporting emergency medical services within the municipality.
3. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to conduct a funding needs analysis of communities seeking to engage in regional collaboration or the adoption of a regional model in the delivery of emergency medical services and to submit a report describing the findings of its analysis and any associated recommendations on or before December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.
4. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by December 3, 2025 a proposal, including draft legislation, regarding the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services' Board consistent with the document titled "Maine EMS: Two-Year Action Plan"

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published by Maine Emergency Medical Services on October 27, 2023. The committee may report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

5. It directs the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services, as resources allow, to develop and, not later than July 1, 2026, implement a public information campaign designed to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the delivery of emergency medical services, the design and funding of the emergency medical services system in the State and the essentiality of the services provided by emergency medical services entities. On or before December 3, 2025, Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety regarding its development and anticipated implementation of the public information campaign. The committee may report out related legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Public Law 2025, chapter 520 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 520 became law without the Governor's signature, and as an emergency measure, effective January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 520 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 by making changes to the dates of certain required actions as follows.

1. The date by which Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit its proposal regarding the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services' Board to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters was changed from December 3, 2025 to December 15, 2026.
2. The date by which the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission is required to submit its first annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters was changed from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.
3. The date by which Maine Emergency Medical Services must develop and implement its public information campaign was changed from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027 and the date that Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters regarding the progress of implementing the public information campaign was changed from December 3, 2025 to December 15, 2026.
4. The date by which Maine Emergency Medical Services is required to submit its report regarding its funding need analysis of regional models to deliver emergency medical services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters was changed from December 3, 2025 to December 15, 2026.