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LD 679 An Act to Increase the Funding to the Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund

Public Law 2025, chapter 750 provides \$500,000 in one-time funding for the Maine Fire Services Institute for the construction and repair or replacement of regional fire service training facilities in the State for fiscal year 2026-27.

LD 740 Resolve, to Study Methods for Improving Youth Community Supervision and Increasing Juvenile Diversion from Formal Judicial Processing

Resolve 2025, chapter 175 directs the Department of Corrections to convene a task force to study methods for diverting youths safely from formal judicial processing and to recommend improvements to existing community supervision practices. By January 1, 2028, the department must provide an update to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the update to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 882 An Act to Protect Communication with Providers of Critical Incident Stress Management and Peer Support

Public Law 2025, chapter 678 makes changes to the laws regarding critical incident stress management and peer support for providers of emergency care and critical incident response services as follows.

1. It repeals provisions of law regarding critical incident stress management teams.
2. It defines “peer support” as a type of service distinct from critical incident stress management services and broadens the scope of the communications protected as confidential to include communications related to the provision of either type of service to an affected person, which is defined as a member or employee of an organization or agency providing certain safety or emergency care or response services. Under prior law, only communications related to critical incident stress management were protected.
3. It designates communications of providers of critical incident stress management and peer support services as confidential communications.
4. It authorizes providers of critical incident stress management and peer support services to disclose information that is otherwise confidential if the disclosure is required by law or the provider of critical incident stress management or peer support services reasonably believes, in the provider’s judgment, that an affected person presents a danger to the affected person or to others.
5. It requires that a peer support person be trained in accordance with accepted best practices and that a peer team be trained through an organized peer support training program that meets or exceeds peer support training standards adopted by the International Association of

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Firefighters or the International Association of Chiefs of Police, or their successor organizations. It removes certain requirements that a volunteer team coordinator be trained in accordance with best practices and standards established by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

LD 981 An Act to Facilitate the Establishment of an Automated Crime Victim Notification System

Public Law 2025, chapter 755 establishes requirements for an automated crime victim notification system as follows.

1. It establishes minimum standards to be implemented by any facility that is required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 2106 to provide notification to a victim of a defendant's release or escape or that is required by Title 17-A, section 2107 to provide notification to a victim of a defendant's release on preconviction bail and that provides such notification using an automated crime victim notification system.
2. It directs county sheriffs, collectively through a statewide association of sheriffs, to establish an automated crime victim notification system for use in jails, county correctional facilities and regional correctional facilities, which must be designed to provide victims and other registrants the option of receiving automated notices of information available to victims pursuant to Title 17-A, sections 2106 and 2107.
3. It directs county sheriffs, collectively through a statewide association of sheriffs, to convene an advisory committee to support, coordinate and monitor the implementation of that automated crime victim notification system. On or before November 4, 2026, the sheriffs, collectively through a statewide association of sheriffs, are required to submit a report outlining the findings and recommendations of that advisory committee to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters, which may report out legislation related to the report.
4. It requires the State Controller to transfer \$140,000 from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2027. It provides \$140,000 in one-time funding to support activities by county sheriffs to develop support and maintain an automated crime victim notification system.

LD 1187 An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Assessment Data in Firearm Fatalities and Hospitalizations Reports

Public Law 2025, chapter 711 requires that the annual report on firearm fatalities and hospitalizations provided by the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services include the number of mental health risk