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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

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assessments performed by a medical practitioner on individuals in protective custody, the number of individuals who received a referral for mental health treatment and services and any aggregate demographic information about those individuals that can be released without risking individual identification.

LD 1749 Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Study Achieving Gender Equality

Resolve 2025, chapter 130 directs the Department of Corrections to study the extent of gender inequality present in the programs, services, facilities and policies administered or overseen by the department and recommend potential solutions to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety for eliminating gender inequality in those areas by December 3, 2025. The committee may report out a bill based on the study to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 130 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, Resolve 2025, chapter 130 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Resolve 2025, chapter 130 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the report date from December 3, 2025 to January 15, 2027.

LD 1773 An Act to Criminalize Certain Offenses Related to Gift Card Thefts

Public Law 2025, chapter 714 creates a definition for "retail merchandise" to include the theft of gift cards, among other things, in the crime of organized retail theft.

LD 1784 An Act to Require Police Departments to Publish and Make Accessible Their Policies and Procedures and Require Training of Officers

Public Law 2025, chapter 510 requires certain law enforcement agencies, including the State Police, sheriff's departments and municipal police departments, to publish and make accessible their policies, procedures and agency rules currently required by law on the agencies' publicly accessible websites and in printed paper form. The law permits a law enforcement agency to charge a reasonable fee for the costs of producing printed copies of policies and procedures. The law also requires that all law enforcement officers of a law enforcement agency receive orientation and training on the policies and procedures and for the chief administrative officer of the law enforcement agency to certify annually to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy that the agency is in compliance with the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 510 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.