

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

May 2026

STAFF:

WILL TEW, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
<http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>

MEMBERS:

SEN. PINNY BEEBE-CENTER, CHAIR
SEN. GLENN "CHIP" CURRY
SEN. SCOTT W. CYRWAY

REP. TAVIS ROCK HASENFUS, CHAIR
REP. GRAYSON B. LOOKNER
REP. NINA AZELLA MILLIKEN
REP. MICHEL A. LAJOIE
REP. MANA H. ABDI
REP. STEPHAN M. BUNKER
REP. ROBERT W. NUTTING
REP. CHAD RICHARD PERKINS
REP. DONALD J. ARDELL
REP. MATHEW DAVID MCINTYRE

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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.

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 510 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 510 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to change the date law enforcement agencies are required to publish their policies and procedures from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.

LD 1923 An Act to Update Juvenile Justice System Reporting Requirements and to Direct the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Modifying the Long Creek Youth Development Center

Public Law 2025, chapter 624 directs the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to jointly convene a working group to examine the current programming and use of facilities at the Long Creek Youth Development Center. The working group must provide recommendations for modifying the use of land and facilities at the center and reinvesting corrections funds currently designated for youth incarceration into a continuum of community-based services over the next five years. The working group is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters that includes the working group's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation related to the working group's duties. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature. The law also requires the Department of Corrections to update juvenile justice data on its publicly accessible website monthly, beginning August 15, 2026.

LD 1962 An Act to Increase Legislative Access to Department of Corrections Facilities and to Direct the Commissioner to Establish Rules Regarding Legislator Access to Correctional and Detention Facilities

Public Law 2025, chapter 765 requires the Commissioner of Corrections to provide notice to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within 5 days of a vacancy on a board of visitors. If the vacancy is not filled by the Governor within 90 days, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must jointly appoint a member to fill the vacancy. The law also requires the commissioner to adopt major substantive rules governing a Legislator's access to correctional facilities and detention facilities. The rules must be submitted to the Legislature by January 31, 2027.

LD 2016 An Act to Eliminate the Thermal Imaging Camera Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 549 eliminates the Thermal Imaging Camera Program under the direction of the Department of Public Safety.