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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.