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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1563, L.D. 2068, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Committee to Study the Needs of Persons with Mental Illness Who are Incarcerated Relating to Treatment and Aftercare Planning in Prisons and Jails"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Relating to the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness Who are Incarcerated'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Examination of "ride-along" program. The Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services shall examine the efficiency and effectiveness of its "ride-along" program, in which specially trained intensive case managers ride along with police officers to assist in dealing with crisis situations involving persons with mental illness. The department shall attempt to quantify the results of the program and determine whether the expenditures on this program are the most effective use of resources in addressing the needs of persons with mental illness in their interaction with law enforcement. The examination must clearly identify the goals of the program and assess whether the program is meeting those goals. The department shall report the results of its examination together with any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters no later than January 30, 2003, which may report out legislation in

response to the report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Mental Health Services - Community

Initiative: Provides funds for 2 Intensive Case Manager positions to ride with police officers to help in dealing with crisis situations involving persons with mental illness. This request will generate \$35,082 in General Fund revenue in fiscal year 2002-03.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$87,820

Regional Operations

Initiative: Provides funds for the overhead costs for 2 Intensive Case Manager positions to ride with police officers to help in dealing with crisis situations involving persons with mental illness.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
All Other	\$0	\$20,000

BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

TOTAL	\$0	\$107,820
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PART B

Sec. B-1. 34-B MRSA §1219, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Court-based diversion program. The department shall develop a program to facilitate the diversion of persons with mental illness away from incarceration. The department shall designate at least one liaison to the District Courts within each of the prosecutorial districts established under Title 30-A, section 254 to work with district attorneys, defense attorneys, judges, bail commissioners, probation officers and others to help develop and design plans for meeting the needs of persons with mental illness and diverting them away from incarceration.

By January 30th of each year, beginning in 2003, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters on the department's implementation of the diversion program developed pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. B-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Mental Health Services - Community

Initiative: Provides funds for 8 Intensive Case Manager positions and 8 Clerk III positions to aid District Courts in diverting persons with mental illness away from incarceration and to appropriate mental health services. This request will generate \$242,282 in General Fund revenue in fiscal year 2002-03.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(16.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$606,493

Regional Operations

Initiative: Provides funds for the overhead costs for 8 Intensive Case Manager positions and 8 Clerk III positions to aid District Courts in diverting persons with mental illness away from incarceration and to appropriate mental health services.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
All Other	\$0	\$160,000

BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF TOTAL

\$0 \$766,493

Sec. B-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Mental Health Services - Community

Initiative: Provides funds for community mental health services for diverted individuals.

2	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$1,262,563
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	Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid		
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8	Initiative: Provides funds for community mental health services for diverted individuals.		
10	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$1,495,999
12			
	Mental Health Services - Community		
14			
16	Initiative: Provides funds for psychiatric inpatient treatment for diverted individuals.		
18	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$453,721
20			
	Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid		
22			
24	Initiative: Provides funds for psychiatric inpatient treatment for diverted individuals.		
26	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$537,610
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30	BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF TOTAL	\$0	\$3,749,893
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34	Sec. B-4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.		
36	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
38	Medical Care - Payments to Providers		
40	Initiative: Allocates federal matching funds for community mental health services for diverted individuals.		
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44	Federal Expenditures Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$2,944,485
46	Medical Care - Payments to Providers		
48	Initiative: Allocates federal matching funds for psychiatric inpatient treatment for diverted individuals.		
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2	Federal Expenditures Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$1,058,145
4	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
6	TOTAL	\$0	\$4,002,630

8 **PART C**

10 **Sec. C-1. Mental illness awareness training for judiciary, jail staff and**
11 **others.** The Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services
12 shall establish a research-based training program designed to
13 increase awareness of the needs of persons with mental illness
14 within the criminal justice system. The training must be made
15 available to trial judges, jail staff and others within the
16 criminal justice system who do not currently receive such
17 training. The department shall provide, no later than January
18 30, 2003, a report to the joint standing committee of the
19 Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters on
20 the development and implementation of the training program.

22 **Sec. C-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
23 appropriations and allocations are made.

24 **BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL**
25 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

26 **Mental Health Services - Community**

30 Initiative: Provides funds to establish training programs
31 regarding mental illness awareness and understanding within the
32 criminal justice system.

34	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
36	All Other	\$0	\$50,000

38 **PART D**

40 **Sec. D-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
41 appropriations and allocations are made.

42 **BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL**
43 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

44 **Mental Health Services - Community**

48 Initiative: Provides funds for one Intensive Case Manager
49 position to serve as a criminal justice liaison to consult with
50 jails and the Department of Corrections on issues relating to

the diversion of persons with mental illness away from an incarcerated setting. This request will generate \$17,452 in General Fund revenue in fiscal year 2002-03.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$43,910
All Other	0	10,000
Total	\$0	\$53,910

PART E

Sec. E-1. 22 MRSA §3174-CC is enacted to read:

§3174-CC. Medicaid eligibility during incarceration

The department shall establish procedures to ensure that a person receiving federally approved Medicaid services prior to incarceration does not lose Medicaid eligibility as a result of that incarceration, even if Medicaid coverage is limited during the period of incarceration. Nothing in this section requires or permits the department to maintain an incarcerated person's Medicaid eligibility if the person no longer meets eligibility requirements.

PART F

Sec. F-1. Improvement of access to inpatient beds. The Commissioner of Behavioral and Developmental Services shall develop memorandums of agreement with the Department of Corrections and county jail administrators to establish procedures and policies that improve access to inpatient beds at a state mental health institution for people with mental illness transferred from the Department of Corrections or county jails.

PART G

Sec. G-1. 15 MRSA §2211-A, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Reincarceration planning. For each person hospitalized pursuant to this section, the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, in consultation with the sheriff or other person responsible for the local or county correctional facility and before the person is transferred back to the correctional

facility, shall develop a written treatment plan describing the recommended treatment to be provided to the person.

Sec. G-2. 34-A MRSA §3069, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Reincarceration planning. For each person hospitalized pursuant to this section, the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, in consultation with the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility and before the person is transferred back to the correctional facility, shall develop a written treatment plan describing the recommended treatment to be provided to the person.

PARTH

Sec. H-1. Examination of treatment of incarcerated mentally ill persons. The Department of Corrections and the Maine Jail Association shall examine and develop ways of treating incarcerated persons with mental illness in the least restrictive setting possible that does not compromise security. The department and the Maine Jail Association shall report the results of this examination and any actions taken together with any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters no later than January 30, 2003. The joint standing committee may report out legislation in response to the report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

PART I

Sec. I-1. 34-A MRSA §1203-A is enacted to read:

§1203-A. Ombudsman program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Ombudsman" means the director of the program.

B. "Program" means the ombudsman program established under this section.

2. Program established. The ombudsman program is established as an independent program to provide ombudsman services to persons with mental illness who are in the custody of the department or a county jail. The program shall consider and promote the best interests of persons with mental illness who are

2 incarcerated, answer inquiries, provide advice and investigate
3 and work toward resolution of complaints regarding mental health
4 services provided to persons with mental illness who are
5 incarcerated. The ombudsman must have experience in advocacy for
6 persons with mental illness and may hire support staff as
7 determined necessary. The program functions through the staff of
8 the program and volunteers recruited and trained to assist in the
9 duties of the program.

10 3. Contracted services. The department shall contract with
11 a nonprofit organization that the department determines to be
12 free of potential conflict of interest and best able to provide
13 the program services on a statewide basis. The ombudsman may not
14 be actively involved in state-level political party activities or
15 publicly endorse, solicit funds for or make contributions to
16 political parties on the state level or candidates for statewide
17 elective office. The ombudsman may not be a candidate for or hold
18 any statewide elective or appointive public office.

19 4. Duties. The program shall provide services directly or
20 under contract and may set priorities for service among the types
21 of inquiries and complaints. The program shall:

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23 A. Answer inquiries, provide advice and investigate and
24 work toward resolution of complaints regarding mental health
25 services provided to prisoners of the department and county
26 jail prisoners;

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28 B. Participate in conferences, meetings and studies that
29 may improve the provision of mental health services to
30 prisoners of the department and county jail prisoners;

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32 C. Inform persons of the means of obtaining mental health
33 services from the department, a county jail, the Department
34 of Behavioral and Developmental Services and any other
35 entity that may offer services;

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37 D. Provide information and referrals regarding mental
38 health services;

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40 E. Analyze and provide opinions and recommendations on
41 state and county mental health programs, rules, policies and
42 laws to agencies, the Governor and the Legislature;

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44 F. Determine what types of inquiries and complaints will be
45 accepted for action by the program and adopt policies and
46 procedures regarding communication with persons making the
47 inquiries or complaints and appropriate agencies and
48 facility administrators and staff;

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2 G. Apply for and use grants, gifts and funds for the
purpose of performing the duties of the program; and

4 H. Collect and analyze records and data relevant to the
duties and activities of the program and make reports as
6 required by law or determined by the ombudsman to be
appropriate.

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10 5. Access to persons, files and records. As necessary for
the duties of the program, the ombudsman and persons employed by
or volunteering to perform the work of the program have access to
12 the mental health or medical records of a prisoner of the
department or any county jail prisoner for the purposes of
14 investigation of an inquiry or complaint as long as the prisoner
or the prisoner's legal guardian consents in writing. As
16 necessary for the duties of the program, the ombudsman and
persons employed by or volunteering to perform the work of the
18 program may speak with any person who consents for the purposes
of investigation of an inquiry or complaint. The ombudsman and
20 persons employed by or volunteering to perform the work of the
program may not have access to information or records made
22 absolutely confidential by federal or state law, designated as
confidential by Title 16, section 614 or related to another
24 prisoner or a victim. The ombudsman may enter the premises of any
state correctional facility or county jail for the purposes of
26 investigation of an inquiry or complaint with reasonable notice
and provided that the security of the facility or the safety of
28 persons would not be compromised. The program shall maintain the
confidentiality of all information or records obtained under this
30 subsection.

32 6. Confidentiality of records. Information or records
maintained by the program relating to a complaint or inquiry are
34 confidential and may not be disclosed unless the disclosure is
permitted by law and consented to by the ombudsman or ordered by
36 the court. Records maintained by the program are not public
records as defined in Title 1, chapter 13.

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40 7. Liability. Any person who in good faith submits a
complaint or inquiry to the program pursuant to this section is
42 immune from any civil or criminal liability for that act. For
the purpose of any civil or criminal proceedings, there is a
44 rebuttable presumption that any person acting pursuant to this
section did so in good faith. No person may be disciplined or
46 sanctioned for providing information or records to the ombudsman
or persons employed by or volunteering to perform the work of the
program as permitted in this section.

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50 8. Information. Beginning January 1, 2003, information
about the services of the program must be provided to all

prisoners in the custody of the department and all county jail prisoners.

9. Report. The ombudsman shall report to the Governor, the department and the Legislature by December 31st each year on the activities and services of the program, priorities among types of inquiries and complaints that have been set by the program, waiting lists for ombudsman services and recommendations for changes in state and county mental health programs, policies, rules or laws to improve the provision of mental health services.

10. Oversight. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters shall review annually the operations of the program and may make recommendations to the Governor regarding the program. The committee may submit legislation that it determines necessary to amend or repeal this section.

Sec. I-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Ombudsman Program

Initiative: Provides funds to contract with a nonprofit organization to operate an ombudsman program. Funding is included for one Ombudsman position and one support staff position, operating costs and one-time, start-up costs.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
All Other	\$0	\$133,815

PART J

Sec. J-1. 30-A MRSA §1556, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6, c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

1. Furlough authorized. The sheriff may establish rules for and permit a prisoner under the final sentence of a court a furlough from the county jail in which the prisoner is confined. Furlough may be granted for not more than 3 days at one time in order to permit the prisoner to visit a dying relative, to obtain medical services or for any other reason consistent with the rehabilitation of an inmate or prisoner which that is consistent with the laws or rules of the sheriff's department. Furlough may be granted for a period longer than 3 days if ~~medieally~~ required

2 to provide treatment for a physical or mental condition of the
3 prisoner, including a substance abuse condition, as determined by
4 a qualified licensed professional.

5 **Sec. J-2. 30-A MRSA §1660, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2001, c.
6 171, §15, is amended to read:

7 **2. Information on releases.** The report required in this
8 section must include the following information for each county
9 corrections facility about releases of inmates from the facility
10 pursuant to sections 1605, 1606 and 1659 during the prior
11 calendar year:
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13 A. The total number of inmates who were granted the
14 privilege of release;
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16 B. The number of inmates that were granted the privilege of
17 release for each of the following purposes and the nature of
18 the crimes committed by those inmates:

19 (1) Employment;

20 (2) Participation in public works-related projects;

21 (3) Participation in a home-release monitoring
22 program; and

23 (4) All other purposes;

24 C. The number of inmates who requested and were denied the
25 privilege of release for each of the following purposes and
26 the nature of the crimes committed by those inmates:

27 (1) Employment;

28 (2) Participation in public works-related projects;

29 (3) Participation in a home-release monitoring
30 program; and

31 (4) All other purposes;

32 D. With respect to each inmate who was granted the
33 privilege of release and who subsequently had the privilege
34 revoked:

35 (1) The total number of such inmates;

36 (2) The purpose for which the release was granted;

(3) The entity that revoked the privilege;

(4) The reasons for the revocation; and

(5) Whether the revocation was appealed and the result of that appeal; and

E. Any other information that the Commissioner of Corrections believes appropriate to accurately inform the Legislature about sheriffs' handling of release decisions.

Sec. J-3. 30-A MRSA §1660, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Information on furloughs. The report must include the following information for each county corrections facility about inmates furloughed from the facility pursuant to section 1556 for treatment for mental conditions during the prior calendar year:

A. The total number of such furloughs;

B. The longest, shortest and average length of such furloughs; and

C. The type of facilities or care to which the inmates were furloughed.

PART K

Sec. K-1. 34-B MRSA §1222 is enacted to read:

§1222. County jail mental illness treatment pilot programs

The department, together with the Department of Corrections, shall convene in each of the 3 service delivery regions established under section 1201-A a stakeholder group, which must include at a minimum representatives of mental health providers, county jail facilities, advocacy groups, persons with mental illness who are or have been incarcerated in jail and families of persons with mental illness who are or have been incarcerated in jail. Each stakeholder group shall design a pilot program for that service delivery region to provide increased mental health services to county jail populations. The pilot programs must be based on best practices approaches that are supported by research and include collaboration agreements among county jails, community mental health providers, the department and the Department of Corrections. The pilot programs must also include mechanisms for evaluating program success. A pilot program must augment and not supplant any existing mental health or county jail efforts to meet the needs of persons with mental illness.

2 Once agreement on program design is reached by the
3 stakeholder group and an agreement on program content, focus and
4 function is signed by all stakeholders, the department, in
5 cooperation with the Department of Corrections, shall act as the
6 program and fiscal oversight agent and make available through one
7 or more contracts funds to each region for the pilot program.
8 The department shall seek Medicaid or other available funds to
9 support this effort wherever possible.

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11 By January 30, 2003, the department and the Department of
12 Corrections shall provide a report to the joint standing
13 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal
14 justice matters on the success of the pilot programs.

15 **Sec. K-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
16 appropriations and allocations are made.

17
18 **BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL**
19 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

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21 **Mental Health Services - Community**

22
23 Initiative: Provides funds for the county jail mental illness
24 treatment pilot programs to fund contract services.

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General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
All Other	\$0	\$525,000

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30 **PART L**

31 **Sec. L-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
32 appropriations and allocations are made.

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34 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

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36 **Maine State Prison**

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38 Initiative: Provides funds for one Records Clerk position and
39 contracted psychologist services to undertake mental health
40 screening at the Maine State Prison.

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General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$35,870
All Other	0	83,799
Total	\$0	\$119,669

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Maine Correctional Center

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Initiative: Provides funds for one Records Clerk position and contracted psychologist services to undertake mental health screening at the Maine Correctional Center.

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General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$35,870
All Other	0	83,799
Total	\$0	\$119,669

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CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
TOTAL	\$0	\$239,338

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PART M

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Sec. M-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

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Correctional Medical Services Fund

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Initiative: Provides funding for added contracted psychiatric and nursing services to provide mental health services in the Department of Correction's correctional facilities in order to ensure the department can meet national standards.

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General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
All Other	\$0	\$275,000

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PART N

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Sec. N-1. Forensic training for mental health workers. The Department of Corrections shall establish a training program designed to provide specialized forensic training to case management and community support providers and providers of crisis and outpatient mental health services in order to increase awareness of the criminal justice issues associated with the treatment of persons with mental illness who are incarcerated. The department shall provide, no later than January 30, 2003, a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters on the development and implementation of the training program.

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2	General Fund	\$5,911,269
	Other Funds	4,002,630

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REVENUES

6	General Fund	\$294,816
8	Other Funds	4,002,630

10 The net General Fund cost of this bill is \$5,616,453 in
12 fiscal year 2002-03. It includes General Fund appropriations
14 totalling \$5,911,269 in fiscal year 2002-03 and increases General
Fund undedicated revenue by \$294,816 in fiscal year 2002-03.

16 The Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services is
18 appropriated \$5,253,116 to fund programs addressing the needs of
20 persons with mental illness interacting with the criminal justice
22 system, including case manager ride-along programs, incarceration
24 diversion programs, mental illness training programs within the
criminal justice system and a case manager position to serve as a
criminal justice liaison. The bill's new case management
programs will generate \$294,816 in General Fund revenue in fiscal
year 2002-03.

26 The Department of Corrections is appropriated \$658,153 for
28 an ombudsman program, mental health screening at 2 of the state
correctional facilities and funding to increase psychiatric and
nursing services to help meet national standards.

30 The bill includes a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation to
32 the Department of Human Services of \$4,002,630 in fiscal year
2002-03 for anticipated Medicaid matching funds for these
programs.

34 The Department of Corrections will incur some additional
36 costs associated with changes to the formulary of medications
38 used to treat persons with mental illness and with various
reporting requirements. These costs can be absorbed by the
department utilizing existing budgeted resources.

40 The additional costs associated with receipt and review of
42 certain reports and legislation can be absorbed by the Executive
Department utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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46 SUMMARY

48 This amendment combines the provisions of legislative
50 documents 2065, 2068, 2075 and 2088, all of which were reported
by the Committee to Study the Needs of Persons with Mental

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Illness Who Are Incarcerated. This amendment also eliminates
3 some provisions from those bills and changes some other
4 provisions. This amendment accomplishes the following:

6 1. Requires the Department of Behavioral and Developmental
7 Services to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of the
8 so-called "ride-along" program;

10 2. Expands the "ride-along" program to fund 2 new positions
11 to provide ride-along services;

12 3. Establishes case managers in the trial court system to
13 develop treatment plans and treatment options for persons with
14 mental illness;

16 4. Provides mental illness awareness training to persons
17 within the criminal justice system;

18 5. Establishes a criminal justice liaison at the Department
19 of Behavioral and Developmental Services to consult with county
20 jails and the Department of Corrections on diversion issues;

22 6. Ensures the preservation of Medicaid eligibility for
23 persons who are incarcerated;

26 7. Requires the Department of Behavioral and Developmental
27 Services and the Department of Corrections to develop memoranda
28 of agreement to improve access to forensic beds for inmates who
29 require care in a mental health institution;

30 8. Requires the Department of Corrections and the Maine
31 Jail Association to develop ways of treating inmates with mental
32 illness in the least restrictive setting possible;

34 9. Establishes an ombudsman program to help persons with
35 mental illness who are incarcerated resolve complaints about
36 mental health services;

38 10. Allows county jails to grant furloughs for longer than
39 3 days to provide treatment for mental illness or substance abuse;

42 11. Establishes a collaborative process to create pilot
43 programs to provide increased mental health services to county
44 jails;

46 12. Establishes a position within the Department of
47 Corrections to improve mental health screening capacity;

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2 13. Establishes 2 positions within the Department of
Corrections to provide mental health treatment services to
inmates in state facilities;

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6 14. Requires the Department of Corrections to develop
forensic training for case management and community support
providers;

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10 15. Ensures the appropriate use of medications by the
Department of Corrections for the treatment of inmates with
mental illness; and

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14 16. Establishes a separate grievance process within the
Department of Corrections to address complaints about medical or
mental health treatment.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.