

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
124TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1114, L.D. 1576, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Ability of the Commissioner of Corrections To Respond in an Emergency"

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

**'An Act To Improve the Ability of the Commissioner of Corrections To Respond in Special Situations'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3013 is enacted to read:**

**§3013. Special response teams**

The commissioner may establish ongoing special response teams consisting of personnel from more than one facility or division of the department to assist, as determined by the commissioner, in responding to special situations anywhere in the department.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that the Commissioner of Corrections has authority to create interfacility teams to respond to special situations throughout the department. The amendment ensures that the commissioner may pull staff with expertise from one facility to assist in a special situation in another facility. The amendment does not change the current procedure for emergencies, in which the commissioner must seek approval from the Governor to assign personnel as necessary to assist in emergency situations.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1576

LR 2259(02)

**An Act To Improve the Ability of the Commissioner of Corrections To Respond in an Emergency**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of Corrections to develop special response teams can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.