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Date: 2/20/24 Report 'A' L.D. 931 (Filing No. H-758)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 578, L.D. 931, "An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Identify Ways to Improve Support for Residents of Correctional Facilities Transitioning from Incarceration to Employment and to Collect Data on the Cause of Death for Persons Who Die While on Probation'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Evaluation of reentry support services. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections shall conduct a review of its reentry planning and support services to identify gaps that may exist between the services that are provided and the needs of residents of correctional facilities who are transitioning from incarceration to employment. As part of the review, the department shall also collect statistical data on the cause of death for persons who die while on probation. In conducting this review, the department shall work with key stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Community-based organizations that provide services to and advocate for persons who are or have been incarcerated;
- 2. Employers and organizations representing employers that are interested in hiring persons who are or have been incarcerated;
- 3. A person with lived experience as an incarcerated person; and
- 4. A representative of an organization that advocates for the interests of victims.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, based on the information collected during its review in section 1, the Department of Corrections shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 31, 2025. The report must include the department's findings, an evaluation of any gaps that may exist between the services the department provides and the needs of persons transitioning from incarceration to employment, and the department's recommendations for

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 how best to meet to those needs, and statistical data on the cause of death of persons who
2 die while on probation. The committee may submit legislation to the 132nd Legislature in
3 2025 related to the department's report.

4 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
5 appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **Administration - Corrections 0141**

8 Initiative: Provides funding for one Intensive Case Manager position and related costs to
9 collect and report statistical data on the cause of death for people who die while on
10 probation.

11	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
12	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
13	Personal Services	\$0	\$100,441
14	All Other	\$0	\$10,969
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$111,410

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18 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
19 number to read consecutively.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which
22 is a concept draft, with a resolve. It requires the Department of Corrections to conduct a
23 review of its reentry planning and support services to identify gaps that may exist between
24 the services that are provided and the needs of residents of correctional facilities who are
25 transitioning from incarceration to employment. It also requires the department to collect
26 statistical data on the cause of death for persons who die while on probation. The
27 department must work with key stakeholders, including, but not limited to: community-
28 based organizations that provide services to and advocate for persons who are or have been
29 incarcerated; employers and organizations representing employers that are interested in
30 hiring persons who were previously incarcerated; a person with lived experience as an
31 incarcerated person; and a representative of a victim advocacy organization. The
32 department must submit a report, by January 31, 2025, to the joint standing committee of
33 the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters of the department's
34 findings, an evaluation of any gaps that may exist between the services the department
35 provides and the needs of persons transitioning from incarceration to employment, and the
36 department's recommendations for how best to meet to those needs, and statistical data on
37 the cause of death for persons who die while on probation. The committee may submit
38 legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

39 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
40 (See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 931

LR 1735(02)

An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-758)*
 Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$111,410	\$108,724	\$112,041
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$111,410	\$108,724	\$112,041

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$111,410 to the Department of Corrections in fiscal year 2024-25 for one Intensive Case Manager position and related costs to collect and report statistical data on the cause of death for people who die while on probation.