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Date 6/15/23 Report 'A'

L D 1301
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 826, L D 1301, "An Act Regarding Transition Coordination, Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts at County Jails"

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

'An Act to Examine the Need for Intensive Case Managers and Improve Consistency Among County Jails Regarding Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. County Corrections Professional Standards Council to convene stakeholder group. The County Corrections Professional Standards Council, as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1210-F, shall convene a stakeholder group to examine the need for additional intensive case managers to assist in the transition of prisoners from county jails or other county correctional facilities into the community and examine the consistency among county jails of written policies regarding prisoner attendance at funerals, furloughs, visitation, education and discretionary accounts. The County Corrections Professional Standards Council shall invite the participation in the stakeholder group of the Maine Sheriffs' Association, the Department of Health and Human Services and individuals with relevant backgrounds and experience in the administration of county jails and the role of intensive case managers in assisting prisoners at jails and other county correctional facilities in transitioning back into the community. No later than February 15, 2024, the County Corrections Professional Standards Council shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety that outlines the activities of the stakeholder group, a summary of any rules suggested or proposed to be adopted and any recommendations of the stakeholder group, including proposed legislation. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Mental Health Services - Community Z198**

Initiative Provides ongoing funding for 8 Intensive Case Manager positions to assist prisoners at county correctional facilities in transitioning into the community after imprisonment

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8 000	8 000
Personal Services	\$551,201	\$769,719
All Other	\$38,124	\$50,832
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$589,325</u>	<u>\$820,551</u>

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It requires the County Corrections Professional Standards Council to convene a stakeholder group to examine the need for additional intensive case managers to assist in the transition of prisoners from county jails or other county correctional facilities into the community and examine the consistency among county jails of written policies regarding prisoner attendance at funerals, furloughs, visitation, education and discretionary accounts. It invites the participation in the stakeholder group of the Maine Sheriffs' Association and the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as others. It also requires the stakeholder group to submit a report on the findings of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and authorizes the committee to report out legislation.

The amendment also includes an appropriations and allocations section that provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services for 8 additional intensive case managers

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1301

LR 2367(02)

An Act Regarding Transition Coordination, Prisoner Attendance at Funerals, Furloughs, Visitation, Education and Discretionary Accounts at County Jails

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-551)

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	\$589,325	\$820,551	\$845,913	\$869,051
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$589,325	\$820,551	\$845,913	\$869,051

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$589,325 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$820,551 in fiscal year 2024-25 for 8 Intensive Case Manager positions to assist prisoners at county correctional facilities in transitioning into the community after imprisonment, beginning October 1, 2024