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Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Apprenticeships for Inmates

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner. Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, HASENFUS of Readfield, LOOKNER of Portland, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, SHAGOURY of Hallowell. 1 **Sec. 1. Pilot program established. Resolved:** That the Department of 2 Corrections, in cooperation with the Department of Labor, no later than January 1, 2024, 3 shall establish a pilot program to provide vocational apprenticeships for inmates in order 4 to provide opportunities for inmates to perform meaningful work while incarcerated.

5 Sec. 2. Report to Legislature. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2026, the 6 Commissioner of Corrections shall submit a report regarding the pilot program under this 7 resolve and make recommendations, including any suggested legislation, to the joint 8 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public 9 safety matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation on the subject 10 matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

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12 This resolve directs the Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Department 13 of Labor, no later than January 1, 2024, to establish a pilot program to provide vocational 14 apprenticeships for inmates.