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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 643, L.D. 1646, "An Act to Amend Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Regarding Suspected Drug-related Overdoses"

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

'An Act to Require the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Establish Training Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers Regarding the State's Good Samaritan Laws'

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

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§2-H is enacted to read:

2-H. Training regarding procedures for responding to call for assistance for suspected drug-related overdose. Beginning January 1, 2028, the board shall include in the basic law enforcement training program a block of instruction on appropriate procedures for responding to a call for assistance for a suspected drug-related overdose. The training must include information regarding identifying symptoms of a drug-related overdose and a protected person's immunity from arrest for a violation of law pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1111-B. The training must be developed and provided within existing resources and through collaboration between a statewide advocacy organization specializing in substance use disorder and a tier 1 distributor of naloxone hydrochloride under the Maine naloxone distribution initiative or successor organization. For the purposes of this subsection, "protected person" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 1111-B, subsection 1, paragraph B.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2804-E, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §34, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Role of board. The board shall establish in-service recertification training requirements, consistent with subsection 1, and coordinate delivery of in-service training. The in-service recertification training requirements must include information on:

A. New laws and court decisions;

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1 B. New enforcement practices demonstrated to reduce crime or increase officer safety;
 2 and

3 C. No later than January 1, 2028, appropriate procedures for responding to a call for
 4 assistance for a suspected drug-related overdose. The training must be completed once
 5 by any full-time law enforcement officer who has not received training under section
 6 2804-C, subsection 2-H. The training must include information regarding identifying
 7 symptoms of a drug-related overdose and a protected person's immunity from arrest
 8 for a violation of law pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1111-B. Notwithstanding
 9 subsection 5, the training must be developed and provided through collaboration
 10 between a statewide advocacy organization specializing in substance use disorder and
 11 a tier 1 distributor of naloxone hydrochloride under the Maine naloxone distribution
 12 initiative or successor organization. The training must be developed and provided
 13 within existing resources. For the purposes of this paragraph, "protected person" has
 14 the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 1111-B, subsection 1, paragraph B.

15 The board shall consider and encourage the use of telecommunications technology in the
 16 development and delivery of in-service training programs. In establishing the
 17 recertification training requirements, the board shall cooperate with the state and local
 18 departments and agencies to which the in-service requirements apply to ensure that the
 19 standards are appropriate. In-service training may not be applied to satisfy in-service
 20 recertification training requirements unless it is approved by the board.

21 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2804-E, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 147, §34, is amended**
 22 **to read:**

23 **5. Provision of in-service training.** ~~In-service~~ Unless otherwise provided in this
 24 section, in-service training programs that meet the requirements established under
 25 subsection 2 or other in-service training programs may be provided by the Maine Criminal
 26 Justice Academy or the agency employing the law enforcement officer.'

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

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires that,
 31 no later than January 1, 2028, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy
 32 include in the academy's basic law enforcement training program a block of instruction for
 33 law enforcement officers on appropriate procedures for responding to a call for assistance
 34 for a suspected drug-related overdose. The training must include information regarding
 35 identifying symptoms of a drug-related overdose and a protected person's immunity from
 36 arrest for a violation of law pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section
 37 1111-B. The training must be developed and provided within existing resources and
 38 through collaboration between a statewide advocacy organization specializing in substance
 39 use disorder and a tier 1 distributor of naloxone hydrochloride under the Maine naloxone
 40 distribution initiative or successor organization.

41 The amendment also requires that by January 1, 2028, full-time law enforcement
 42 officers who have not received training on the State's so-called Good Samaritan laws

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through the basic law enforcement training program receive similar one-time training through in-service law enforcement training.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 02/26/26 **LRL**

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-541)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Public Safety to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.