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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

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CHAPTER 320 H.P. 166 - L.D. 234

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An Act Regarding the Mountain View Youth Development Center

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Mountain View Youth Development Center has excess bed capacity available to house adult offenders, which should be utilized as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §4117, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 28, §12, is amended to read:

§4117. Adult offenders

The commissioner may confine adults sentenced and committed to the custody of the department who have not attained 26 years of age, except that, until April 30, 2017, the commissioner may confine adults of any age who have been sentenced and committed to the department, in the Mountain View Youth Development Center as long as the housing facilities for adult offenders are fully separated from the housing facilities for juvenile clients and the commissioner maintains at all times full compliance with mandatory sight and sound separation standards established by federal law. All provisions of this Title that are applicable to prisoners apply to adult offenders confined in the Mountain View Youth Development Center as if they were confined in a correctional facility housing only adults.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 5, 2015.

CHAPTER 321

S.P. 191 - L.D. 522

An Act To Clarify a Recently Enacted Law Designed To Expand the Number of Qualified Educators

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17859, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 486, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

1-A. Restoration to work of classroom-based employees. Effective August 1, 2014, a classroom-based employee who has reached normal retirement age and who retires after September 1, 2011 may be restored to service as a classroom-based employee in a school in the unorganized territory or with a school administrative unit as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26:

A. In one-year contracts, which may be nonconsecutive. The maximum time that a classroombased employee may be restored to service with an individual school administrative unit pursuant to this paragraph is 5 years;

B. Subject to the 5-year restriction specified in subsection 1 and the 75% compensation limitation for retired state employees and retired teachers specified in subsection 2, paragraph A; or

C. In any combination of paragraphs A and B, as long as the total time the classroom-based employee is restored to service does not exceed 10 years with an individual school administrative unit.

The retired classroom-based employee must have had a bona fide termination of employment in accordance with state and federal laws and rules, may not return to employment after retirement with the same employer for at least 30 calendar days after the termination of employment and may not return to employment before the effective date of the person's retirement.

For purposes of this section, "classroom-based employee" means a teacher whose principal function is to introduce new learning to students in the classroom or to provide support in the classroom during the introduction of new learning to students.

See title page for effective date.