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5. Application of other laws. All other applicable provisions of law governing defendants found incompetent to stand trial apply to defendants accepted for placement under this section.

6. Sunset. This section is repealed on July 1, 2024.

Sec. 2. Review; report. By January 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Corrections, referred to in this section as "the departments," shall jointly submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters regarding the number, circumstances and outcomes of the placement of defendants found incompetent to stand trial and placed in the mental health unit of a correctional facility pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3069-C. The report must include the number of persons transferred to a mental health unit, the average length of stay, the numbers of persons transferred to other facilities, which must be separated by types of facilities, the impact on the mental health and criminal justice systems and any other data determined by the departments to be relevant. After receiving the report of the departments, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters may submit legislation to address issues raised by the report and to repeal the sunset provision in Title 34-A, section 3069-C, subsection 5.

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**CHAPTER 260
S.P. 109 - L.D. 801**

**An Act Regarding Sentencing
Options for a Person Convicted
of a Crime Committed While
Serving a Term of
Imprisonment**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §755, sub-§1-E, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §62, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

A sentence imposed for a violation of this section is subject to the requirements of section ~~1609~~ 1609-A.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1609, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1609-A is enacted to read:

§1609-A. Discretionary sentence

Notwithstanding section 1608, when an individual subject to an undischarged term of imprisonment is convicted of a crime committed while in execution of any term of imprisonment, is convicted of a crime committed during a stay of execution of any term of imprisonment, is convicted of a crime committed after failure to report after a stay of execution of any term of imprisonment or is convicted of failure to report as ordered after a stay of execution of any term of imprisonment, the court may order that the sentence is not concurrent with any undischarged term of imprisonment. If the court orders that the sentence is not concurrent, the court may order that any undischarged term of imprisonment be tolled and service of the nonconcurrent sentence commence immediately, and the court shall so order if any undischarged term of imprisonment is a split sentence. No portion of the nonconcurrent sentence may be suspended. Any nonconcurrent sentence that the convicted individual receives as a result of an order entered pursuant to this section must be nonconcurrent with all other sentences.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 261
S.P. 305 - L.D. 953**

**An Act To Improve Affordable
Housing Options and Services
To Address Homelessness**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5222, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Affordable housing. "Affordable housing" has the same meaning as in section 5246, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §12, is further amended by amending subparagraph (7) to read:

(7) Organizational costs relating to the establishment of the district, including, but not limited to, the costs of conducting environmental impact and other studies and the costs of informing the public about the creation of development districts and the implementation of project plans; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §12, is further amended by amending subparagraph (8) to read:

(8) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and limited strictly to transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts replacements; and

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §12, is further amended by enacting subparagraph (9) to read:

(9) Costs associated with the development and operation of housing, including, but not limited to, authorized project costs for improvements as described in section 5249 even if such improvements are not made within an affordable housing development district as defined in section 5246, subsection 2;

Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 148, §2, is further amended to read:

B. Costs of improvements that are made outside the tax increment financing district but are directly related to or are made necessary by the establishment or operation of the district, including, but not limited to:

(1) Costs related to the construction, alteration or expansion of any facilities not located within the district that are required due to improvements or activities within the district, including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, water treatment plants or other environmental protection devices; storm or sanitary sewer lines; water lines; electrical lines; improvements to public safety facilities; and amenities on streets;

(2) Costs of public safety improvements related to the establishment of the district; ~~and~~

(3) Costs of funding to mitigate any adverse impact of the district upon the municipality or plantation and its constituents. This funding may be used for public facilities and improvements if:

(a) The public facilities or improvements are located in a downtown tax increment financing district; and

(b) The entire tax increment from the downtown tax increment financing district is committed to the development program of the tax increment financing district; and

(4) Authorized project costs for improvements as described in section 5249 in support of municipal economic development activities regardless of whether such costs are within an affordable housing development district as defined in section 5246, subsection 2;

Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 604, §3 and c. 625, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. Costs related to economic development, environmental improvements, fisheries and wildlife or

marine resources projects, recreational trails, broadband service development, expansion or improvement, including connecting to broadband service outside the tax increment financing district, employment training or the promotion of workforce development and retention within the municipality or plantation, including, but not limited to:

(1) Costs of funding economic development programs or events developed by the municipality or plantation or funding the marketing of the municipality or plantation as a business or arts location;

(2) Costs of funding environmental improvement projects developed by the municipality or plantation for commercial or arts district use or related to such activities;

(3) Funding to establish permanent economic development revolving loan funds, investment funds and grants;

(4) Costs of services and equipment to provide skills development and training, including scholarships to in-state educational institutions or to online learning entities when in-state options are not available, for jobs created or retained in the municipality or plantation. These costs must be designated as training funds in the development program;

(5) Costs associated with quality child care facilities and adult care facilities, including finance costs and construction, staffing, training, certification and accreditation costs related to child care and adult care;

(6) Costs associated with new or existing recreational trails determined by the department to have significant potential to promote economic development, including, but not limited to, costs for multiple projects and project phases that may include planning, design, construction, maintenance, grooming and improvements with respect to new or existing recreational trails, which may include bridges that are part of the trail corridor, used all or in part for all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing or other related multiple uses;

(7) Costs associated with a new or expanded transit service, limited to:

(a) Transit service capital costs, including but not limited to: transit vehicles such as buses, ferries, vans, rail conveyances and related equipment; bus shelters and other transit-related structures; and benches, signs and other transit-related infrastructure; and

(b) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and limited strictly to transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts replacements;

(8) Costs associated with the development of fisheries and wildlife or marine resources projects;

(9) Costs related to the construction or operation of municipal or plantation public safety facilities, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district;

(10) Costs associated with broadband and fiber optics expansion projects, including preparation, planning, engineering and other related costs in addition to the construction costs of those projects. If an area within a municipality or plantation is unserved with respect to broadband service, as defined by the ConnectMaine Authority as provided in Title 35-A, section 9204-A, subsection 1, broadband and fiber optics expansion projects may serve residential or other nonbusiness or non-commercial areas in addition to business or commercial areas within the municipality or plantation; and

(11) Costs associated with the operation and financial support of:

(a) Affordable housing in the municipality or plantation to serve ongoing economic development efforts, including the further development of the downtown tax increment financing districts; and

(b) Housing programs and services to assist those who are experiencing homelessness in the municipality or plantation as defined in the municipality's or plantation's development program.

Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §15, is further amended to read:

D. Costs of constructing or improving facilities or buildings leased by State Government or a municipal or plantation government that are located in improved downtown tax increment financing districts; and

Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Costs associated with the development and operation of affordable housing or housing services for persons who are experiencing homelessness as defined in the municipality's or plantation's development program.

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CHAPTER 262

H.P. 770 - L.D. 1042

An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742-G is enacted to read:

§1742-G. Bureau of General Services; inventory of asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may be harmful to human health in state-owned and state-leased buildings

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Bureau" means the Bureau of General Services within the department.

B. "Department" means the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

C. "State-owned building" means a building owned by the State in which persons employed by a state agency perform job duties, including, but not limited to, maintenance and repair work.

2. Initial inventory. The bureau shall inventory all state-owned buildings to identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may be harmful to human health. The department shall require property owners of buildings leased to the State to conduct a similar inventory and provide the results of the inventory to the bureau prior to executing a new lease or renewing or extending an existing lease and, with respect to a lease that on the effective date of this subsection has a remaining term of more than 2 years, within 12 months of the effective date of this subsection. The bureau shall enter the results of the inventories into the database established and maintained by the bureau pursuant to subsection 3.

3. Database. The bureau shall establish and maintain an electronic database including, for each state-owned building or state-leased building: