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LD 769 An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services for a Defendant Who Has Been Found Incompetent To Stand Trial

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 259 provides authority to the Commissioner of Corrections to accept for placement in a mental health unit of a correctional facility a person found incompetent to stand trial if, following a court hearing, the person is found by clear and convincing evidence to be at risk of engaging in interpersonal violence that is not primarily driven by symptoms of a major mental illness or other disability. The law provides a procedure for a person to petition the court if the criteria for placement under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3069-C, subsection 1 no longer exist.

Public Law, chapter 259 includes a sunset provision of July 1, 2024 and a process for review by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Corrections.

Public Law 2021, chapter 259 also requires a report to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters prior to the sunset date.

LD 782 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Corrections for Certified Batterer Intervention Programming

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 174 changes the name of batterers' intervention programs in the Maine Revised Statutes to domestic violence intervention programs. The law requires the attorney for the State in cases involving domestic violence to notify the domestic violence intervention program of the last known contact information for the victim and to provide to the program the incident report from the most relevant criminal proceeding. The law authorizes the disclosure of records to the domestic violence intervention program. The law requires the attorney for the State to make a good faith effort to inform the victim when the defendant completes the domestic violence intervention program. The law requires a domestic violence intervention program to be certified in order for the court to order a person to participate in a program and for the State to pay for a person's participation.

LD 797 An Act To Create a Registry to Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 82 requires the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety to establish a registry of publicly accessible automated external