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LD 894 An Act To Increase Government Accountability by Removing the Restriction on the Dissemination of Information Regarding Investigations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 153 repeals the law prohibiting a Maine criminal justice agency from confirming the existence or nonexistence of confidential intelligence and investigative record information to any person or public or private entity that is not eligible to receive that information.

LD 963 An Act To Ensure Culturally Informed Programs and Services for Adjudicated Juveniles in the Custody of the Department of Corrections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 339 specifies that any programs established by the Commissioner of Corrections for a juvenile who has been adjudicated of a juvenile crime and who is under age 21 must provide for the juvenile culturally informed treatment plans and modalities and culturally informed community reintegration services and must provide language services for the juvenile and the juvenile's family and support system. The law requires the Commissioner of Corrections to ensure that any prevention, diversion or restorative justice programs established by the commissioner and serving an adjudicated juvenile under age 21 provide for that juvenile culturally informed services, including, but not limited to, referrals to community based services and supports, housing, case management, education and employment resources and provide language services for the juvenile and the juvenile's family and support system, as necessary.

LD 994 An Act To Promote Public Health by Eliminating Criminal Penalties for Possession of Hypodermic Apparatuses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 434 amends the provisions regarding hypodermic apparatuses in the following ways.

1. It allows a person to possess a residual amount of a scheduled drug that is contained in one or more hypodermic apparatuses without committing the crime of unlawful possession of a scheduled drug.
2. It repeals the law governing the crimes of trafficking in or furnishing hypodermic apparatuses.
3. It repeals the law governing the crime of illegal possession of hypodermic apparatuses.
4. It removes from the definition of drug paraphernalia under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1111-A items used for testing, analyzing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body scheduled drugs.