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LD 17 An Act to Designate the Warden of the Maine State Prison as Chief Administrative Officer of the Bolduc Correctional Facility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 4 designates the warden of the Maine State Prison as the chief administrative officer of the Bolduc Correctional Facility and removes the power to appoint an assistant director. The law also changes the provision of law allowing the warden to appoint deputy wardens to clarify that any deputies appointed by the warden are responsible when the warden is absent or unable to perform the duties of the office rather than specifically absent from the Maine State Prison or unable to perform the duties of the office.

LD 28 Resolve, to Rename the Twin Rivers Fire Academy in Fairfield the Duane Bickford Fire Training Facility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 28 directs the Town of Fairfield to designate the firefighter training facility in Fairfield as the Duane Bickford Fire Academy.

LD 42 An Act Regarding the Bind-over and Detention of Juveniles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 361 amends the law regarding the Juvenile Court binding over a juvenile for prosecution as an adult and introduces provisions governing a juvenile's stay of detention in an adult section of a jail pending indictment in the following ways.

1. It allows the Department of Corrections to request and the Juvenile Court to order that a juvenile that would otherwise be detained in an adult section of a jail be detained in a department detention facility operated exclusively for juveniles. In making that determination, the Juvenile Court must consider whether the juvenile's behavior at the juvenile facility creates a risk of harm to others, whether the juvenile has behavioral health needs that would be better served at the juvenile facility and whether the juvenile is engaged in education or treatment programs at the juvenile facility that would be disrupted by detention in the adult section of a jail.

2. It requires a Juvenile Court to include in its order for the bind-over hearing its decision regarding the stay of detention in an adult section of a jail if the request is made prior to the bind-over hearing.

3. It allows for the department to request that the Juvenile Court rescind an order granting stay of detention at an adult facility if it is no longer appropriate for the juvenile.