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4. It clarifies that a person may not be detained in a detention facility approved or operated by the department exclusively for juveniles if the person has attained 18 years of age and an indictment has been returned or if the person attains 21 years of age.

LD 45 An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 352 allows the Commissioner of Corrections to establish fees for the use of technology by residents of correctional facilities. The commissioner may not charge a technology fee to a resident who is using technology for the purpose of research related to a criminal case or civil lawsuit in which the resident is involved. Additionally, the commissioner may not charge a technology fee that exceeds 7% of a resident's earnings for the calendar month after accounting for certain deductions from the resident's earnings. If a resident's earnings are less than \$100 in a month after any deductions are applied, the commissioner may not charge the resident for the use of technology.

Funds from the technology fee must be deposited into the Resident Technology Fund, which is established in the law. The fund may be used by the department to offset the cost of buying and maintaining technology provided to residents of correctional facilities.

LD 97 An Act to Facilitate the Improvement of Credit Scores of Residents of Department of Corrections Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 6 allows a juvenile or adult client of a correctional facility to obtain a loan from a financial institution or credit union if the loan is designed to improve a client's credit score, the funds are deposited in the client's savings account at the financial institution or credit union, the loan is secured in full by funds disbursed by the client after any collections required by law and the loan is required to be repaid in full using those secured funds or other funds disbursed by the client. The loan funds are prohibited from being used for restitution or the client's telephone call account.

LD 120 An Act to Expand the Membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 195 changes the membership of the Homeland Security Advisory Council by including the designee of any ex officio member and by adding to the council the Chief Information Officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of

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Information Technology and the director of the Maine School Safety Center established within the Department of Education or their designees.

LD 121 An Act to Amend the Maine Litter Control Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 176 amends the Maine Litter Control Act by adding brush and yard debris to the definition of “litter.” Brush and yard debris do not include slash as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 9331 that is generated by or on behalf of a public entity. The law also requires that a person have an intentional state of mind to be found liable for littering.

LD 172 An Act to Require the Maine State Police to Create a Statewide List of Missing Persons and Study Improvements for Investigating Missing Persons Cases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law, chapter 447 requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to establish and maintain a publicly accessible website that lists all open missing persons cases in the State. The website must be updated, at a minimum, once every month to include any new missing person’s information.

The law also directs the bureau to convene a working group to review best practices for investigating missing persons cases, determine the feasibility of implementing those best practices in the Maine Criminal Justice Academy’s curriculum, review the effectiveness of the Silver Alert Program and identify ways to improve the program. The law directs the bureau to submit a report by December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, which may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 176 An Act to Authorize the Formation of Emergency Medical Services Districts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 334 authorizes municipalities, in cooperation with one or more other municipalities, to form emergency medical services districts.