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STATE OF MAINE

132ND LEGISLATURE

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LD 626 An Act to Explicitly Allow the Department of Corrections to Charge Room and Board to Residents Who Perform Remote Work in Detention and Correctional Facilities and to Amend the Laws Governing Rehabilitative Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 234 allows the Commissioner of Corrections to charge room and board to correctional facility residents who perform remote work in a facility under the commissioner's control and amends the laws governing rehabilitative programs to add references to education release, public service release and remote work. The commissioner may charge up to 10% of a resident's work release earnings for transportation for residents participating in work release and up to 10% of a resident's work release or remote work earnings for the cost of room and board for residents participating in work release or remote work.

LD 719 Resolve, to Direct the County Corrections Professional Standards Council to Examine Funding of and Compliance by County and Regional Jails

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 73 directs the County Corrections Professional Standards Council to examine county and regional jail compliance with financial reporting requirements and examine state funding for county and regional jails, including reviewing the status of county and regional jail compliance with financial auditing requirements; reviewing the status of county and regional jail reporting of operating expenses to the Department of Corrections; reviewing any unfunded mandates related to county and regional jails; examining improvements to the operations of the County Corrections Professional Standards Council; and examining future needs for state support for county and regional jail operations.

The law requires the County Corrections Professional Standards Council to submit a report by January 15, 2026 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 786 An Act to Promote Public Safety and Retain Essential First Responders by Converting the Maine Length of Service Award Program Trust Fund to a Nonlapsing Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 202 amends the law establishing the Maine Length of Service Award Program trust fund to convert the trust fund to a nonlapsing fund.