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LD 1150 An Act to Require Reporting of Sheltering or Aiding Missing Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 63 requires that if a person knowingly shelters or aids in obtaining shelter for a missing child for more than 24 hours without the consent of the missing child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, the person must provide information regarding the missing child's location and condition to a law enforcement officer who has contacted that person. A person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.

LD 1366 An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Drug Laws Related to Cocaine Base

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 326 eliminates possession of cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of more than four grams from the list of schedule W drugs for which a person who has prior convictions for drug crimes may be charged with the Class B crime of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs. The law also amends the provision of law that establishes a Class A crime for aggravated illegal importation of cocaine by removing language that allows a person to be charged under this provision for importation of cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more.

LD 1607 An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Adopt Written Policies Regarding Compliance with Certain Constitutional Obligations Related to Disclosure of Evidence

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 219 requires that, by January 1, 2026, law enforcement agencies adopt written policies regarding procedures to deal with assisting a prosecuting agency in complying with the prosecuting agency's constitutional obligations under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972) and regarding the requirement to comply with mandatory disclosures to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

LD 1684 An Act to Implement Additional Criteria and Processes for the Supervised Community Confinement Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 360 requires that the process and criteria for determining a Department of Corrections prisoner's eligibility in the supervised community confinement program includes considering input from the Office of Victim Services within the department and further requires that a prisoner's supervised community confinement program plan is responsive to reasonable community and victim concerns.

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES

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The law also requires that the process and criteria must include review and consideration of any validated, evidence-based domestic violence risk assessment for a prisoner who is incarcerated for a crime committed against a family or household member or dating partner and also requires a prisoner who is released to the supervised community confinement program to continue paying any victim restitution similar to what the prisoner would have paid if the prisoner had stayed in a department correctional facility.

LD 1695 An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Adopt Written Policies Regarding Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 344 requires law enforcement agencies to adopt written policies regarding procedures to deal with persons who are believed to be experiencing commercial sexual exploitation or sex trafficking.

LD 1710 An Act Regarding the Authority to Transport Prisoners Confined in Jail and the Use of Physical Force with Respect to Prisoners and Persons Who Have Been Arrested

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 429 makes the following changes to the laws governing the authority to transport prisoners confined in jail, the use of physical force with respect to prisoners and persons who have been arrested and the use of certain devices.

1. It authorizes corrections officers and transport officers to transport prisoners to and from court and to provide custody at the court.
2. It requires that for a corrections officer or supervisor to be justified in using force against a prisoner, they must have received additional certifications through in-service training requirements.
3. It repeals the current provisions of law referring to the use of force in the corrections context.
4. It enacts a provision of law to clarify the use of physical force in the corrections context.
5. It extends the prohibitions on using deadly force against a law enforcement officer to transport officers, corrections officers and corrections supervisors.
6. It extends the prohibitions on using laser pointers against a law enforcement officer to transport officers, corrections officers and corrections supervisors.
7. It extends the exception to the prohibition on using electronic weapons to transport officers.