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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.