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LD 1725 An Act to Require Reporting Regarding County Jail Boards of Visitors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 345 requires that, by December 3, 2025, the sheriff for each county must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety regarding the membership status of the board of visitors of each jail or other county correctional facility under the sheriff's supervision. The law authorizes the committee to submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The law also makes a technical change regarding the sharing of board of visitors annual reports with other boards of visitors.

LD 1836 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Sex Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission Regarding Tier II Offenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 153 designates unlawful sexual contact based on lack of consent by an unconscious person to sexual contact that includes penetration as a Tier II offense under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2013.

Public Law 2025, chapter 153 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2025.

LD 1844 An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 485 directs the Commissioner of Corrections to establish and maintain reentry services for residents of correctional facilities. Reentry services must include services related to health and wellness, financial literacy and planning, employment preparation, community and family integration and technology training.

LD 1849 An Act to Establish a Minimum Age at Which Conduct Constitutes a Juvenile Crime and to Confer Jurisdiction to the Juvenile Courts Over Any Criminal Offense Under Maine Law Committed by a Juvenile

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 431 modifies provisions of the Maine Juvenile Code as follows.

The law changes the definition of "juvenile" to mean a person who had attained 11 years of age but not 18 years of age at the time the person committed an alleged juvenile crime, except that, for

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the crimes of murder, felony murder and manslaughter and the criminal attempt of those crimes, there is no minimum age.

Previously, the definition of “juvenile crime” limited which crimes established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 and Title 29-A that a juvenile may be charged with, providing that only specifically named crimes within those Titles are considered juvenile crimes. Public Law 2025, chapter 431 removes that language establishing these limitations so that any crime under Title 12 and Title 29-A is considered a juvenile crime if committed by a juvenile. The Maine Juvenile Code provides for the disposition following adjudication for certain juvenile crimes. The law adjusts the provisions related to the disposition following adjudication for violations of Title 12 and Title 29-A.

LD 1886 An Act to Include Serious Bodily Injury in the Law Governing Motor Vehicle Violations Resulting in Death

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 302 amends the provision of law related to penalties applicable when a person commits a motor vehicle violation that results in the death of another person to provide that those penalties also apply to a person who commits a motor vehicle violation that results in serious bodily injury to another person.

LD 1933 Resolve, to Study Pathways for Tribal Law Enforcement Officers to Receive a Waiver for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Law Enforcement Training Requirement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 83 directs the Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to convene a working group that includes representatives from each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State that has law enforcement officers to study the eligibility of certain tribal law enforcement officers to receive waivers for the academy’s basic law enforcement training requirements. The law requires the academy to submit a report by January 1, 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.