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## Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Apprenticeships for Inmates

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MONTELL of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and

Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, HASENFUS of Readfield, LOOKNER of Portland, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, MORIARTY of Cumberland, RIELLY of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, SHAGOURY of Hallowell.

**Sec. 1. Pilot program established. Resolved:** That the Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Department of Labor, no later than January 1, 2024, shall establish a pilot program to provide vocational apprenticeships for inmates in order to provide opportunities for inmates to perform meaningful work while incarcerated.

**Sec. 2. Report to Legislature. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Corrections shall submit a report regarding the pilot program under this resolve and make recommendations, including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Department of Labor, no later than January 1, 2024, to establish a pilot program to provide vocational apprenticeships for inmates.