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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 110, L.D. 244, “An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Indigent Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Transitional housing pilot programs. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections shall contract with a community-based organization to establish a transitional housing pilot program to provide transitional living services for individuals recently released from correctional facilities, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6, which must include, but not be limited to, temporary housing or providing a master leasing program that assists individuals with rent support, life skills coaching and other services. The department shall also establish a transitional housing pilot program in southern Maine for adult clients recently released from correctional facilities.

No later than January 1, 2026, the department shall submit an interim report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety providing data on its progress in establishing the transitional housing pilot programs and data regarding use of the programs by individuals recently released from correctional facilities. No later than January 1, 2027, the department shall submit a final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters providing updated data from the interim report as well as data regarding the rates of return to department custody for individuals who have participated in the programs. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

2 **Administration - Corrections 0141**

3 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Corrections to establish a
4 transitional housing pilot program in southern Maine for adult clients.

5 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
6 All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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8 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

9 **Administration - Corrections 0141**

10 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract with a community-based organization to
11 establish a transitional housing pilot program to provide transitional living services for
12 individuals recently released from the Department of Corrections correctional facilities,
13 which must include, but not be limited to, temporary housing or providing a master leasing
14 program that assists individuals with rent support, life skills coaching and other services.

15 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
16 All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
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18 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

20 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**
21 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

22	2025-26	2026-27
23 GENERAL FUND	\$225,000	\$225,000
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25 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>

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27 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
28 number to read consecutively.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill with
31 a resolve and provides one-time funding to the Department of Corrections to establish 2
32 pilot programs for individuals recently released from correctional facilities. The
33 Department of Corrections is required to contract with a community-based organization to
34 establish a transitional housing pilot program to provide transitional living services for
35 individuals recently released from Department of Corrections correctional facilities, which
36 must include, but not be limited to, temporary housing or providing a master leasing
37 program that assists individuals with rent support, life skills coaching and other services.
38 The department is required to establish a transitional housing pilot program in southern
39 Maine for adult clients. The Department of Corrections is required to submit an interim
40 report no later than January 1, 2026 and a final report no later than January 1, 2027 to the

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 110, L.D. 244

1 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and
2 public safety matters.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)