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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 769, L.D. 1962, “An Act to Establish the Corrections Ombudsman”

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

'An Act to Increase Legislative Access to Department of Corrections Facilities and to Direct the Commissioner to Establish Rules Regarding Legislator Access to Correctional and Detention Facilities'

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

'Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 383, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Appointment. ~~The~~ Except as provided in paragraph H, the Governor shall appoint a board of 7 visitors for each correctional facility under the department, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5.

- A. The terms of the members of the boards of visitors are for 3 years.
- B. Members of the boards of visitors are eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms.
- C. A member of the Legislature or an employee of the department may not serve on any board of visitors.
- D. At least one member of each board must be a person licensed by this State to provide mental health services.
- E. Each member of the boards of visitors must be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.
- F. The Governor shall appoint a chair from the membership.
- G. At least one member of each board of visitors must have been incarcerated in a correctional facility.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

