

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 747 - L.D. 1009

Resolve, To Create the Working Group To Design Jail Resource Navigator Services for Maine County Jails

Sec. 1. Working Group To Design Jail Resource Navigator Services for Maine County Jails. Resolved: That the Working Group To Design Jail Resource Navigator Services for Maine County Jails, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," is established.

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the working group consists of the Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee and other members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

1. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
2. One member representing the Consumer Council System of Maine;
3. One member representing community mental health providers;
4. One member with expertise researching and funding programs for medical and behavioral health programs for persons incarcerated in jails or for those recently released from jails;
5. Two members who have been incarcerated in a county jail in the State;
6. One member representing legal services organizations;
7. One member with expertise working with persons incarcerated in jails relating to substance use disorder and behavioral health;
8. One member with expertise in housing services for persons leaving the criminal justice system;
9. One member representing the Maine Sheriffs' Association;
10. One member who advocates for new immigrant populations;
11. One member representing providers of substance use disorder treatment;
12. One member who supports the State's incarcerated population, including family or friends of a person who is incarcerated in a county jail in the State;

13. One member who advocates to reduce the State's recidivism rate in the State's criminal justice system;

14. One member representing the Maine County Commissioners Association;

15. One member from any relevant state agency as determined by the commissioner; and

16. Any other members with relevant expertise as determined by the commissioner.

The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee and the member representing the Maine Sheriffs' Association shall serve as cochairs of the working group.

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the working group shall design county jail resource navigator services that will support all county jails in the State with needed resources and services, including but not limited to health care, mental health care and substance use disorder treatment for persons who are incarcerated. The working group shall also research federal, state or other funding to sustain these programs within an independent statewide nonprofit organization.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2023, the working group shall submit a report on the work conducted pursuant to section 3 and the outcomes of that work to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters. The committee may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature related to the report.