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An Act To Reduce the Cost of Delivery of State and County Correctional Services

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §710, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. County remittance. A county must remit the amount of county property tax collected for correctional purposes under section 701, subsection 2-A to the State Board of Corrections Investment Fund program under Title 34-A, section 1805 upon a schedule as determined by the board. Subsequent to adoption of a county correctional services budget under subsection 5, the board shall disburse to the county from the State Board of Corrections Investment Fund program upon a schedule determined by the board funds in the amount of the adopted county correctional services budget at the time of transmittal of the budget to the county. The board shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1803, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2009, c. 391, §12, is further amended to read:

C. Establish boarding rates for the unified correctional system, except boarding rates for federal inmates; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §1803, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 391, §13, is amended to read:

D. Review department biennial and supplemental budget proposals affecting adult correctional and adult probation services and submit recommendations regarding these budget proposals to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs; and

Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §1803, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Enter into contracts as appropriate regarding the provision of county correctional services.

SUMMARY

This bill requires counties to remit the amount of property tax collected for correctional services to the State Board of Corrections Investment Fund program, which disburses the money back to the counties upon adoption of the counties' correctional services budgets by the State Board of Corrections. This bill also gives the State Board of Corrections contracting authority as appropriate regarding the provision of county correctional services.