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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to transfer an adult jail inmate to a correctional facility for the purpose of providing the inmate with mental health services, and to accept placement of certain adult defendants in a mental health unit of a correctional facility; and

Whereas, it is critically important to implement this authority as soon as possible in order to increase the availability of mental health services; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the amendment by adding before the summary the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.