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

**'An Act To Improve the Management of
Inmates in County and Regional Jails'**

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

'**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1205-C, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 436, §8, is further amended to read:

4. At the initial appearance, the court shall advise the probationer of the contents of the motion, the right to a hearing on the motion, the right to be represented by counsel at a hearing and the right to appointed counsel. If the probationer can not afford counsel, the court shall appoint counsel for the probationer. The court shall call upon the probationer to admit or deny the alleged violation. If the probationer refuses to admit or deny, a denial must be entered. In the case of a denial, the court shall set the motion for hearing and may commit the probationer, with or without bail, pending hearing. If the probationer is committed without bail pending hearing, the date of the hearing must be set no later than 45 days from the date of the initial appearance ~~unless otherwise ordered by the court.~~

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §1662 is enacted to read:

§ 1662. County jail and regional jail reporting

1. County jail and regional jail interjail boarding rates. Beginning November 1, 2017, a county jail or regional jail shall report to the Department of Corrections on a form provided by and on a schedule established by the department regarding interjail boarding rates. The county jail or regional jail shall identify the types of agreements regarding boarding of inmates that it has with other jails. By January 15th each year, beginning January 15, 2018, the Department of Corrections shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and corrections matters regarding data derived from the interjail boarding rate information and any recommendations from the jails or the department.

2. County jail and regional jail financial audits. Beginning November 1, 2017, a county jail or regional jail shall report to the Department of Corrections on a schedule established by the department regarding financial audits performed for the jails. By January 15th each year, beginning January 15, 2018, the Department of Corrections shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and corrections matters regarding data derived from the financial audit information provided by the jails and any recommendations from the jails or the department.

3. Pretrial detention. Beginning November 1, 2017, a county jail or regional jail shall report twice per month to the Unified Criminal Docket in the judicial region in which the jail is located on the pretrial detention population in the jail. The jail shall report on the form provided by the Unified Criminal Docket.

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §1219 is enacted to read:

§ 1219. Assistance with federal law compliance

Beginning November 1, 2017, the department shall offer technical assistance and advice to county and regional jails regarding audits for the purpose of achieving and maintaining compliance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, Public Law 108-79, as requested by the county and regional jails.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment does the following.

1. The amendment provides that if a probationer is committed to jail without bail pending a probation revocation hearing, the date of the hearing must be set no later than 45 days from the date of the initial appearance. The amendment eliminates the provision that allows the court in its discretion to allow the hearing to be held after 45 days.

2. The amendment requires that, beginning November 1, 2017, the county jails and regional jail report to the Department of Corrections regarding interjail boarding rates. The amendment requires that by January 15th each year, beginning January 15, 2018, the Department of Corrections report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and corrections matters regarding interjail boarding rate information and any recommendations.

3. The amendment requires that, beginning November 1, 2017, the county jails and regional jail report to the Department of Corrections regarding financial audits performed for the jails. The amendment requires that by January 15th each year, beginning January 15, 2018, the Department of Corrections report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and corrections matters regarding data derived from the financial audit information and any recommendations.

4. The amendment requires that, beginning November 1, 2017, each county jail and the regional jail report twice per month to the Unified Criminal Docket in the judicial region in which the jail is located on the pretrial detention population in the jail, using a form provided by the Unified Criminal Docket.

5. The amendment requires that, beginning November 1, 2017, the Department of Corrections offer to provide technical assistance and advice to county jails and the regional jail regarding audits for the purpose of achieving and maintaining compliance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, Public Law 108-79, as requested by the county jails and regional jail.