



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1844

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An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Sayre of Kennebunk

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Department of Corrections to establish and maintain a reentry services program for residents of correctional facilities that makes available a range services, including accessing available MaineCare benefits may increase General Fund costs to the Department of Health and Human Services under MaineCare and the MaineCare Re-entry Waiver Program, specifically. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact to the waiver program is not possible as the extent to which this requirement may increase utilization of MaineCare services by residents exiting correctional facilities is not known.

Any additional costs to the Department of Corrections from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.