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House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

An Act To Provide Enhanced Mental Health Services to the County Prison Population

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, GERRISH of Lebanon, LAJOIE of Lewiston,
MALABY of Hancock, Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to increase funding for mental health care services for the county
6 prison population, including educating and training prison employees in behavioral health
7 assessment and protocols on an annual basis. It would also require that every county jail
8 have a mental health worker on site at least 8 hours a day.