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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 578, L.D. 931, “An Act to Expand the State’s Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment”

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Identify Ways to Improve Support for Residents of Correctional Facilities Transitioning from Incarceration to Employment and to Collect Data on the Cause of Death for Persons Who Die While on Probation'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Evaluation of reentry support services. Resolved:** That the Department of Corrections shall conduct a review of its reentry planning and support services to identify gaps that may exist between the services that are provided and the needs of residents of correctional facilities who are transitioning from incarceration to employment. As part of the review, the department shall also collect statistical data on the cause of death for persons who die while on probation. In conducting this review, the department shall work with key stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Community-based organizations that provide services to and advocate for persons who are or have been incarcerated;
- 2. Employers and organizations representing employers that are interested in hiring persons who are or have been incarcerated;
- 3. A person with lived experience as an incarcerated person; and
- 4. A representative of an organization that advocates for the interests of victims.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, based on the information collected during its review in section 1, the Department of Corrections shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 31, 2025. The report must include the department’s findings, an evaluation of any gaps that may exist between the services the department provides and the needs of persons transitioning from incarceration to employment, and the department's recommendations for

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1 how best to meet to those needs, and statistical data on the cause of death of persons who  
 2 die while on probation. The committee may submit legislation to the 132nd Legislature in  
 3 2025 related to the department’s report.

4 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
 5 appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 7 **Administration - Corrections 0141**

8 Initiative: Provides funding for one Intensive Case Manager position and related costs to  
 9 collect and report statistical data on the cause of death for people who die while on  
 10 probation.

11 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	12 <b>2023-24</b>	13 <b>2024-25</b>
14 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
15 Personal Services	\$0	\$100,441
16 All Other	\$0	\$10,969
17 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$111,410

18 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
 19 number to read consecutively.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which  
 22 is a concept draft, with a resolve. It requires the Department of Corrections to conduct a  
 23 review of its reentry planning and support services to identify gaps that may exist between  
 24 the services that are provided and the needs of residents of correctional facilities who are  
 25 transitioning from incarceration to employment. It also requires the department to collect  
 26 statistical data on the cause of death for persons who die while on probation. The  
 27 department must work with key stakeholders, including, but not limited to: community-  
 28 based organizations that provide services to and advocate for persons who are or have been  
 29 incarcerated; employers and organizations representing employers that are interested in  
 30 hiring persons who were previously incarcerated; a person with lived experience as an  
 31 incarcerated person; and a representative of a victim advocacy organization. The  
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 34 findings, an evaluation of any gaps that may exist between the services the department  
 35 provides and the needs of persons transitioning from incarceration to employment, and the  
 36 department's recommendations for how best to meet to those needs, and statistical data on  
 37 the cause of death for persons who die while on probation. The committee may submit  
 38 legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

39 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

40 **(See attached)**