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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 30, L.D. 18, “An Act to Allow the Department of Corrections to Increase Health Care Fees and Use the Proceeds from Those Fees to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers”

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

'An Act to Offset the Costs of Client Medical Care Support Workers at Department of Corrections Facilities and Study Correctional Service Fees and Collections'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 5th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$5 \$25" and inserting the following: '\$5'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 6th line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$5 \$25" and inserting the following: '\$5'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 13th, 14th and 15th lines (page 1, lines 16 to 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ". After first being used to defray this cost, money is retained by the facility to offset the cost of medical and dental services, prescriptions, medication and prosthetic devices" and inserting the following: '~~medical and dental services, prescriptions, medication and prosthetic devices~~'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Department of Corrections to convene working group. The Department of Corrections shall convene a working group to study all collections and fees assessed to correctional facility clients and review the effect those fees have on a client's ability to pay for facility services. The working group must consist of the following members:

1. The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
2. A client from the Maine State Prison;
3. A client from the Maine Correctional Center;
4. A client from either the Downeast Correctional Facility or the Mountain View Correctional Facility;

- 1 5. A client from the Bolduc Correctional Facility;
- 2 6. A client from the Southern Maine Women's Reentry Center or the Maine
- 3 Correctional Women's Center;
- 4 7. A representative from the Office of the Attorney General that works with the crime
- 5 victims' compensation program; and
- 6 8. A representative from a prisoner's advocacy organization.

7 By January 1, 2026, the department shall submit a report that includes the findings of
8 the working group for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice
9 and Public Safety. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the
10 Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

11 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
12 allocations are made.

13 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**
14 **Administration - Corrections 0141**

15 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for one limited-period Management Analyst II
16 position and related costs to convene and administer the working group and report the
17 results. The position will end no later than March 31, 2026.

18 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
19 Personal Services	\$88,718	\$0
20 All Other	\$14,707	\$0
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22 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$103,425	\$0

23 '
24 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
25 number to read consecutively.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the increased
28 fees for medical and dental services and requires that those fees go only toward payment
29 of medical care support workers. The amendment requires the Department of Corrections
30 to convene a working group to study and review all financial assessments made on
31 correctional facility clients and to submit a report by January 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing
32 Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, which may report out legislation to the
33 Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The amendment also adds an
34 appropriations and allocations section.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

36 **(See attached)**