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132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 110, L.D. 244, “An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Indigent Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities”

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

'Resolve, to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities'

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

'Sec. 1. Transitional housing pilot programs. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections shall contract with a community-based organization to establish a transitional housing pilot program to provide transitional living services for individuals recently released from correctional facilities, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6, which must include, but not be limited to, temporary housing or providing a master leasing program that assists individuals with rent support, life skills coaching and other services. The department shall also establish a transitional housing pilot program in southern Maine for adult clients recently released from correctional facilities.

No later than January 1, 2026, the department shall submit an interim report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety providing data on its progress in establishing the transitional housing pilot programs and data regarding use of the programs by individuals recently released from correctional facilities. No later than January 1, 2027, the department shall submit a final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters providing updated data from the interim report as well as data regarding the rates of return to department custody for individuals who have participated in the programs. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Corrections to establish a transitional housing pilot program in southern Maine for adult clients.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract with a community-based organization to establish a transitional housing pilot program to provide transitional living services for individuals recently released from the Department of Corrections correctional facilities, which must include, but not be limited to, temporary housing or providing a master leasing program that assists individuals with rent support, life skills coaching and other services.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000

**CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$225,000	\$225,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill with a resolve and provides one-time funding to the Department of Corrections to establish 2 pilot programs for individuals recently released from correctional facilities. The Department of Corrections is required to contract with a community-based organization to establish a transitional housing pilot program to provide transitional living services for individuals recently released from Department of Corrections correctional facilities, which must include, but not be limited to, temporary housing or providing a master leasing program that assists individuals with rent support, life skills coaching and other services. The department is required to establish a transitional housing pilot program in southern Maine for adult clients. The Department of Corrections is required to submit an interim report no later than January 1, 2026 and a final report no later than January 1, 2027 to the

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 110, L.D. 244

1 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and
2 public safety matters.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)