

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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H.P. 1152 - L.D. 1725

An Act to Require Reporting Regarding County Jail Boards of Visitors

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1651, sub-§4, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 383, §1, is amended to read:

F. Each board of visitors shall share copies of that board's annual report with ~~the other boards of visitors of that sheriff's office~~ each other board of visitors appointed pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. Board of visitors report. By December 3, 2025, the sheriff for each county shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety regarding the status of board of visitors vacancies for each jail or other county correctional facility under the sheriff's supervision. The report must include, at a minimum, for each jail or other county correctional facility, what actions the sheriff is taking to ensure that the board of visitors of the jail or facility is meeting its statutory membership requirements; what current difficulties the jail or facility is facing in meeting board of visitors membership requirements; how many members are currently appointed to the board of visitors; and whether the board of visitors is inactive and, if so, for how long it has been inactive. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.