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# **STATE OF MAINE**

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

### TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

# H.P. 1228 - L.D. 1844

## An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1402, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Reentry services. Within the limits of available resources, the commissioner shall establish and maintain a reentry services program for residents of correctional facilities that makes available, as appropriate, reentry services in the following areas:

A. Health and wellness, including, but not limited to, accessing available MaineCare and veterans' benefits and connecting with community providers and other resources for treating and managing substance use disorder and maintaining physical and mental health;

B. Financial literacy and planning, including, but not limited to, information about opening a bank account, managing a budget and building and maintaining credit;

C. Employment preparation, including, but not limited to, writing a resume, searching for employment, information about obtaining a driver's license, information about obtaining work-related certification or licensure and locating and securing housing:

D. Community and family integration, including, but not limited to, voter registration information, information about services offered through the statewide 2-1-1 telephone number designated pursuant to Title 35-A, section 7108 and connecting with community support programs, including programs offering education on conflict resolution, establishing and maintaining relationships and rejection management techniques; and

E. Technology training, including, but not limited to, information about computer literacy programs and avoiding Internet scams.