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An Act To Improve Public Safety through Coordinated Reentry of Prisoners into the Community

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and
Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, EVANGELOS of Friendship, MADIGAN of Waterville,
MORALES of South Portland, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators:
CARPENTER of Aroostook, MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1206-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1206-B. Reentry agreements**

4 **1. Agreements with state agencies.** The commissioner shall negotiate joint
5 working agreements with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department
6 of Labor, the Department of Education and other appropriate state agencies to ensure that
7 prisoners and juvenile clients receive coordinated assistance with reentry and receive all
8 the services and benefits for which they are eligible upon their release into the
9 community.

10 **2. Agreements with federal and community agencies.** The commissioner may
11 negotiate agreements with appropriate federal agencies and community agencies as
12 defined in section 1206, subsection 1, paragraph B to provide prisoners and juvenile
13 clients additional assistance with reentry and with the receipt of services and benefits
14 upon their release into the community.

15 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 141, §1,
16 is further amended to read:

17 ~~B. A prisoner may not be transferred to supervised community confinement until the~~
18 ~~prisoner has served at least 2/3 of the term of imprisonment imposed or, in the case of~~
19 ~~a split sentence, at least 2/3 of the unsuspended portion, after consideration of any~~
20 ~~deductions that the prisoner has received and retained under Title 17-A, section 1253~~
21 ~~if the term of imprisonment or, in the case of a split sentence, the unsuspended~~
22 ~~portion is more than 5 years. A prisoner may not be transferred to supervised~~
23 ~~community confinement until the prisoner has served at least 1/2 of the term of~~
24 ~~imprisonment imposed or, in the case of a split sentence, at least 1/2 of the~~
25 ~~unsuspended portion after consideration of any deductions that the prisoner has~~
26 ~~received and retained under Title 17-A, section 1253 if the term of imprisonment or,~~
27 ~~in the case of a split sentence, the unsuspended portion is 5 years or less.~~

28 **Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt.
29 ZZZ, §2, is further amended to read:

30 ~~C. Except as provided in paragraph C-1, a~~ A prisoner may not be transferred to
31 supervised community confinement unless the prisoner has no more than ~~48~~ 36
32 months remaining on the term of imprisonment or, in the case of a split sentence, on
33 the unsuspended portion, after consideration of any deductions that the prisoner has
34 received and retained under Title 17-A, section 1253.

35 **Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§2, ¶C-1,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 711, Pt.
36 A, §22 and affected by Pt. D, §2, is repealed.

37 **Sec. 5. 34-A MRSA §3061, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §7, is
38 further amended to read:

