

**§3904. Prisoners generally**

**1. Confinement.** All prisoners at the Downeast Correctional Facility shall be detained and confined in accordance with the sentences of the court and the rules of the department.

[PL 1983, c. 861, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Education.** The warden shall maintain suitable courses for academic and career and technical education of the prisoners of the Downeast Correctional Facility. The warden shall maintain necessary equipment and employ suitable qualified instructors as necessary to carry out the objectives of the facility's programs.

[PL 2023, c. 135, §11 (AMD).]

**3. Employment.** The commissioner may authorize the employment of prisoners of the Downeast Correctional Facility on public works with any department, agency or entity of the State, county or local government and may authorize the use of prisoners to provide assistance in the improvement of property owned by nonprofit organizations.

A. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules as he deems proper to ensure the care and treatment of the prisoners and the safe working conditions of prisoners and departmental employees. [PL 1983, c. 861, §1 (NEW).]

B. The purpose of the employment authorized in this subsection is to provide training to the prisoner and to be a form of public restitution for the crime or crimes committed by the prisoner. [PL 1983, c. 861, §1 (NEW).]

C. The commissioner may request that nonprofit organizations pay for the transportation of the prisoners and pay the per diem compensation of correctional officers or instructors who must accompany the prisoners or oversee the work to be performed. [PL 1983, c. 861, §1 (NEW).]  
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**4. Escape.** Any prisoner who escapes from the facility, or from any assignment beyond the grounds of the facility, to include community-rehabilitative programs is guilty of escape under Title 17-A, section 755.

[PL 1983, c. 861, §1 (NEW).]

**5. Industries program.**

[PL 1985, c. 821, §26 (RP).]

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