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COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Members

FROM: Senator Pinny Beebe-Center, Senate Chair *PBC* *WT*
Representative Tavis Hasenfus, House Chair *TH* *WT*
Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Members

DATE: March 2, 2026

RE: Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
recommendations on LD 2212, An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and
Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State
Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper
Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026, and
June 30, 2027

On March 2, 2026, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety (CJPS) reviewed the budget items pertaining to the agencies under its jurisdiction in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget. Please find attached the report-back worksheet containing the committee's recommendations. In addition to the recommendations within the report-back worksheet, CJPS has two additional recommendations for the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and would further like to show support for an initiative outside of CJPS jurisdiction.

I. Automated Crime Victim Notification System

The committee unanimously voted¹ to include in the supplemental budget \$244,000 in funding for an electronic crime victim notification system. The language and funding for this recommendation can be found in LD 981, An Act to Facilitate the Establishment of an Automated Crime Victim Notification System, which was introduced in the First Regular session of this Legislature. This bill was unanimously supported by CJPS and was placed on the special appropriations table to be carried over to the Second Regular session.

¹ Sen. Curry absent

II. County Jail Funding

The committee voted 11-1² to include in the supplemental budget \$8,000,000 for county jail funding. The funding for this recommendation can be found in LD 852, An Act to Reduce the Property Tax Burden by Adequately Funding County Jail Operations, which was introduced in the First Regular session of this Legislature. CJPS unanimously³ supported the bill and it was placed on the special appropriations table to be carried over to the Second Regular session.

CJPS considered LD 852 in conjunction with LD 719, An Act to Amend the Share of State Funding for the County Jail Operations Fund (original title). LD 719 was also unanimously⁴ supported by CJPS which directed the County Corrections Professional Standards Council to:

1. Review the status of county and regional jail compliance with audit requirements pursuant to Title 30-A, section 1662, subsection 2 and examine ways to incentivize compliance with these requirements;
2. Review the status of county and regional jail reporting to the Department of Corrections for expenses associated with operating county and regional jails pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1208-B, subsection 5 and examine ways to incentivize compliance with 28 these requirements;
3. Review any unfunded mandates related to county and regional jails;
4. Examine improvements to the operations of the council; and
5. Examine future needs for state support for county and regional jail operations.

The committee received a report from the County Corrections Professional Standards Council during the Second Regular Session pursuant to LD 719 and is currently in the process of producing a committee bill to address long-term solutions to county jail funding. However, to address immediate shortcomings in county jail funding, a majority of CJPS recommends that the committee amend the supplemental budget to include \$8,000,000 in funding for county jails.

III. Maine State Police Detectives; Executive Protection Unit

The committee unanimously⁵ supports an initiative in the Governor's recommended highway fund supplemental budget that provides funding for 4 State Police Detective positions.⁶ Although this initiative is within the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation's budget jurisdiction, CJPS wished to show support for the funding of these positions.

CJPS recently considered LD 2073, An Act to Add Positions to the Maine State Police Executive Protection Unit. This bill sought to add 2 State Police Detective positions that would be housed within the Maine State Police's Executive Protection Unit. These proposed positions would have been in addition to the 4 State Police Detective positions contained in the Governor's highway fund supplemental budget. The committee ultimately voted against LD 2073 with the understanding that the 4 positions provided for in the Governor's highway fund supplemental budget were sufficient for the purposes of supporting the Executive Protection Unit.

² Sen. Curry absent; Rep. Lookner opposed to including this in the budget

³ Rep. Lookner and Rep. Bunker absent

⁴ Rep. Lookner and Rep. Bunker absent

⁵ Sen. Curry absent

⁶ Page A-2 of Governor's Recommended Highway Fund Supplemental Budget 2026-2027

If the committee has any questions regarding the attached report-back template, the contents of this memo, or the legislative materials referenced in this memo, please contact our committee analyst, Will Tew. Thank you for considering our recommendations.

c: Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety



LD 2212 - CJPS REPORT BACK

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$111,085	\$111,085
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$111,085	\$111,085

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to address increased risk management insurance costs. This funding ensures the department maintains necessary coverage to safeguard staff, facilities, and operations.

State Prison 0144

Initiative: Transfers funding for electricity, central fleet and insurance costs from the Bolduc Correctional Facility program to the State Prison program within the same fund due to the merging of appropriations.

Ref. #: 99

Committee Vote: In 12-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$236,106	\$236,106
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$236,106	\$236,106

Justification:

Public Law 2025, chapter 388 transferred all funds from the Bolduc Correctional Facility to the Maine State Prison. This initiative transfers remaining appropriations and funds authorized by Public Law 2025, chapter 2 to Maine State Prison program for consolidating purposes.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$320,776	\$320,776
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$76,000	\$76,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$396,776	\$396,776

Sec. A-7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated resources.

Ref. #: 148

Committee Vote: IN 12-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$50,937,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$50,937,000

Justification:

The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is responsible for the administration of federal disaster funding provided to eligible subrecipients under the federal Stafford Act. Since 2017, Maine has experienced twelve severe weather events leading to the authorization of Stafford Act funding; seven of these occurred between December 2022 and April 2024. Once disaster projects are approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the funds are obligated at the federal level for that project. MEMA is required to make final payment of the federal share to the recipient as soon as practicable after federal approval of funding. This initiative increases funding positioning MEMA to meet pending obligations in accordance with federal regulations. The current state match requirement for these federal programs has been provided through Public Law 2025, chapter 2, Part GG, section 1 and Public Law 2025, chapter 33, Part B, section 6.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$50,937,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$50,937,000

LD 2212 - CJPS REPORT BACK

Sec. A-29. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Public Safety 0088

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 637

Committee Vote: In 11-1

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$139,498
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$8,150
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$147,648

Justification:

The Commissioner's Office currently only has three positions: the Commissioner, an Assistant to the Commissioner position, and a Public Information Officer position. This level of staffing is inadequate for a department with ten bureaus and almost 700 employees. Establishing this position will assist in rulemaking, department-wide training, procurement processes such as redlining, grant applications, grant management, and other projects to assist in the overall mission of the department.

Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

Initiative: Transfers 4 Capitol Police Officer positions and one Capitol Police Sergeant position from Other Special Revenue Funds to General Fund within the same program and provides funding that was not provided in a previous initiative for the positions and related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 639

Committee Vote: In 12-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$725,206
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$59,696
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$784,902

Ref. #: 640

Committee Vote: In 12-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	(5.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	(\$725,206)
All Other	\$0	\$0	(\$59,696)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	(\$784,902)

Justification:

These five positions were previously funded through a MOU between the Department of Public Safety (PUS), Capitol Police program and the Department of Health and Human Services (HUM), Riverview Psychiatric Center program and Disproportionate Share-Riverview Psychiatric Center program. These two programs have determined that they are no longer need this specialized service in house and disappropriation of the funding authorized by Public Law 2013, chapter 502 and Public Law 2013, chapter 595, no more funding transfers to (PUS). This initiative also provides funding for the positions shorted from an initiative HUM F-A-1407 and All Other related costs. This initiative associates with HUM F-A-1407.

Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 2 Supervisor Computer Forensic Lab positions from range 29 to range 31.

Ref. #: 635

Committee Vote: No vote taken AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$19,433
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$19,433

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on approved Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This management-initiation range change for the 2 Supervisor Computer Forensic Lab positions was approved in September 2025.

Criminal Justice Academy 0290

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one MCJA Assistant Director position to a Public Service Manager II position, retroactive to May 29, 2025.

Ref. #: 642

Committee Vote: No vote taken AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$902	\$15,256
All Other	\$0	\$2,480	\$2,277
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$3,382	\$17,533

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on approved Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration State Electronic Data Collection grant was awarded to the Bureau of Highway Safety for the purpose of upgrading and standardizing the state crash data system. This multi-year project is being conducted with assistance from the Maine Department of Transportation.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$823,366
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$4,100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$149,011	(\$352,137)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$149,011	\$4,571,229

Language Parts

Part CC (see pg: 13)	Committee Vote: <u>In 12-0</u>	AFA Vote: _____
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Part PPP (see pg: 20)	Committee Vote: <u>In 10-2</u>	AFA Vote: _____

PART CC

Sec. CC-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$644,039 and for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$660,147, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the Maine State Prison program for the purposes of funding rising electricity costs, Maine Criminal Justice Academy training costs, rising water and sewer utility costs, and rising costs of contracting with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP and Siemens Industry Inc. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. CC-2. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$584,264 and for fiscal year 2026-27 the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$597,444, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the Correctional Center program for the purposes of funding rising electricity costs, Maine Criminal Justice Academy training costs, rising water and sewer utility costs, and rising costs of contracting with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP and Siemens Industry Inc. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. CC-3. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$202,873 and for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$214,847, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the Long Creek Youth Development Center program for the purposes of funding rising electricity costs, Maine Criminal Justice Academy training costs, rising water and sewer utility costs, and rising costs of contracting with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP and Siemens Industry Inc. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. CC-4. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$184,341 and for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$195,070, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the Mountain View Correctional Facility program for the purposes of funding rising electricity costs, Maine Criminal Justice Academy training costs, and rising costs of contracting with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP and Siemens Industry Inc. These amounts may be transferred

by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. CC-5. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$14,421 and for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer up to \$28,842, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the Adult Community Corrections program for the purpose of funding Maine Criminal Justice Academy training costs. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

PART CC SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer Personal Services to the All Other line category in order to fund rising electricity costs, Maine Criminal Justice Academy training costs, rising water and sewer utility costs, and rising costs of contracting with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP and Siemens Industry Inc.

PART UU

Sec. UU-1. Carrying provision; Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine Fire Protection Services Commission. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2025-26, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$1,500,000 appropriated in Public Law 2023, chapter 459 in the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine Fire Protection Services Commission program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year to be used for fire service training facilities.

PART UU SUMMARY

This Part authorizes any unexpended remaining balance at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 in the department of Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine Fire Protection Services Commission program, All Other line category in Public Law 2023, chapter 459 to carry forward into next fiscal year.

PART OOO

Sec. OOO-1. 24 MRSA §2986, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2025, c. 109, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Completed kit. If the victim has not reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency when the examination is complete, the hospital or health care practitioner shall then notify the nearest law enforcement agency, which shall transport and store the completed forensic examination kit for 8 20 years. The completed kit may be identified only by the tracking number. If during that storage period a victim decides to report the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency, the victim may contact the hospital or health care practitioner to determine the tracking number. The hospital or health care practitioner shall provide the victim with the tracking number on the forensic examination kit and shall inform the victim which law enforcement agency is storing the kit.

If the victim reports the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency by the time the examination is complete, the investigating agency shall retain custody of the forensic examination kit.

If an examination is performed under subsection 5 and the victim does not, within 60 days, regain a state of consciousness adequate to decide whether or not to report the alleged offense, the State may file a motion in the District Court relating to the storing or processing analysis of the forensic examination kit. Upon finding good cause and after considering factors, including, but not limited to, the possible benefits to public safety in processing analyzing the kit and the likelihood of the victim's regaining a state of consciousness adequate to decide whether or not to report the alleged offense in a reasonable time, the District Court may order either that the kit be stored for additional time or that the kit be transported to the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory for processing analysis in accordance with the laboratory's practices and procedures, or such other disposition that the court determines just. In the interests of justice or upon motion by the State, the District Court may conduct hearings required under this paragraph confidentially and in camera and may impound pleadings and other records related to them.

A law enforcement agency shall store a completed forensic examination kit involving sexual assault for 20 years regardless of whether the alleged offense is reported to a law enforcement agency.

Sec. 000-2. 25 MRSA §2915-B is enacted to read:

§2915-B. Sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Crime laboratory" means the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory located in Augusta or another accredited laboratory that provides forensic services to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of analyzing forensic examination kits.

B. "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

C. "Forensic examination kit" or "kit" means a uniform standardized forensic examination kit developed by the department pursuant to section 2915, subsection 1 for evidence collection by a licensed health care provider in alleged cases of sexual assault.

D. "Law enforcement agency" means the State Police, a county law enforcement agency or a municipal law enforcement agency.

E. "Licensed health care provider" means:

(1) A hospital licensed under Title 22, chapter 405; or

(2) A health care practitioner who is licensed by this State to provide or otherwise lawfully providing health care or a partnership or corporation made up of such health care practitioners.

F. "Sexual assault" means any crime enumerated in Title 17-A, chapter 11.

G. "Tracking system" means the forensic examination kit tracking system established by the department pursuant to subsection 2.

2. Forensic examination kit tracking system. The department shall operate and maintain a tracking system for all completed forensic examination kits, regardless of whether the alleged offense relating to the kit was reported to a law enforcement agency, that is continuously accessible to approved users, including, at a minimum, licensed hospitals and licensed health care providers that perform forensic examinations for victims of sexual assault.

A. The department shall operate and maintain the tracking system through the use of department personnel and resources and may contract with public or private entities, including, but not limited to, software and technology providers, to accomplish the department's duties related to the tracking system.

B. Approved users shall adhere to the following procedures when entering information for each kit into the tracking system, which must, at a minimum, collect the following information.

(1) A crime laboratory shall enter into the tracking system each new and unused kit and record each kit's intended destination before the kit leaves the possession of the crime laboratory.

(2) A licensed health care provider shall enter into the tracking system:

(a) The date the licensed health care provider receives each kit from a crime laboratory;

(b) The date a particular kit is used for evidence collection, is discarded based on damage to the kit or is used for training; and

(c) The date a completed kit is transferred to a law enforcement agency, the name of the law enforcement agency to which the kit was transferred and, to the extent known to the licensed health care provider, whether the victim of sexual assault from whom the forensic evidence in the kit was collected has reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency.

(3) A law enforcement agency shall enter into the tracking system:

(a) The date the law enforcement agency receives a completed kit, the location where that kit is being stored and, to the extent known by the law enforcement agency, whether the victim of sexual assault from whom the forensic evidence in the kit was collected has reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency;

(b) The date the law enforcement agency transfers a completed kit to a crime laboratory and the name of the crime laboratory to which the kit was transferred; and

(c) The date the law enforcement agency reports to a prosecuting attorney that a forensic examination has been performed pursuant to Title 24, section 2986.

(4) A crime laboratory shall identify when it has conducted an analysis of a completed kit and enter into the tracking system the date of the analysis.

(5) A law enforcement agency that receives a kit after analysis from a crime laboratory shall enter into the tracking system the date it received the kit and whether that kit was stored or destroyed.

C. The tracking system must provide for the updating and tracking of a forensic examination kit as follows.

(1) A victim of sexual assault from whom forensic evidence has been collected using a kit must have access to the tracking system on an anonymous and secure basis for the purposes of receiving updates regarding the kit and tracking the status of the kit.

(2) A licensed health care provider, law enforcement agency, prosecuting attorney or any other entity in possession of a kit must have access to the tracking system for the purposes of entering, updating and tracking the status and location of the kit.

(3) Prosecuting attorneys in the State must have access to the tracking system for the purpose of receiving updates regarding the kits and tracking the status of the kits.

3. Participation required. Law enforcement agencies, licensed health care providers, crime laboratories and prosecuting attorneys in the State shall participate in the tracking system on the schedule and in the manner required by department rules adopted pursuant to subsection 7.

4. Immunity. A person or entity required by subsection 3 to participate in the tracking system is immune from civil liability for actions taken as a participant that are required by subsection 3 or by rules adopted pursuant to subsection 7.

5. Confidentiality. The tracking system and all information in the tracking system is confidential.

6. Report. The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters and the Governor by January 1, 2028 and annually thereafter, regarding the tracking system. The report may include recommendations from the department for improved operation of the tracking system and must include the following information, identified by the county from which a forensic examination kit was entered into the tracking system:

A. The number of completed kits in the tracking system, including:

(1) The number of completed kits for which a victim of sexual assault has reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency and, of those kits, the number on which analysis has been completed and the number on which analysis has not been completed; and

(2) The number of completed kits for which a victim of sexual assault has not reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency, and, of those kits, the number on which analysis has been completed and the number on which analysis has not been completed;

B. The number of completed kits that were entered into the tracking system during the prior calendar year, including:

(1) The number of completed kits for which a victim of sexual assault has reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency and, of those kits, the number on which analysis has been completed and the number on which analysis has not been completed; and

(2) The number of completed kits for which a victim of sexual assault has not reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency, and, of those kits, the number on which analysis has been completed and the number on which analysis has not been completed;

C. The average and median lengths of time for forensic examination kits to be sent for analysis after being entered into the tracking system and for analysis to be completed; and

D. The number of reported forensic examination kits entered into the tracking system for more than one year for which analysis has not been completed.

The State Police and any other law enforcement agency that performs its duties in more than one county shall provide to the department tracking information for each county where a forensic examination kit was entered into the tracking system.

7. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules to govern participation in and implementation of the tracking system. The rules must include provisions for maintaining confidentiality of tracking system information; provisions to ensure timely posting to the tracking system; a process for approving tracking system users and access for approved users; procedures for posting information and for updating information in the tracking system; and requirements for documentation of persons who have posted, accessed and updated information in the tracking system. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 000-3. 25 MRSA §3821, as amended by PL 2025, c. 109, §6, is further amended to read:

For the purposes of this section, "sexual assault" means any crime enumerated in Title 17-A, chapter 11 and "strangulation" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 208, subsection 1, paragraph C.

If a victim of sexual assault or strangulation has a forensic examination and has not reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency when the examination is complete, the licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner that completed the forensic examination shall notify the nearest law enforcement agency. That law enforcement agency shall transport the completed forensic examination kit, identified only by a tracking number assigned by the kit manufacturer, to its evidence storage facility. ~~The law enforcement agency shall store the forensic examination kits involving sexual assault for 20 years and forensic examination kits involving only strangulation for~~

~~6 years. If during that storage period the victim reports the offense to a law enforcement agency, the investigating agency shall take possession of the forensic examination kit.~~

If a victim of sexual assault or strangulation has a forensic examination and has reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency when the forensic examination is complete, or the victim reports the alleged offense after the forensic examination kit has been transported to the nearest law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency investigating the alleged offense shall take possession of that kit.

A law enforcement agency shall store the forensic examination kits involving sexual assault for 20 years and forensic examination kits involving only strangulation for 6 years, regardless of whether the alleged offense relating to the kit is reported to a law enforcement agency.

In the case of a forensic examination performed under Title 24, section 2986, subsection 5, the law enforcement agency must immediately notify the district attorney for the district in which the hospital or health care practitioner is located that such a forensic examination has been performed and a forensic examination kit has been completed under Title 24, section 2986, subsection 5.

Sec. 000-4. Sexual assault forensic examination kit inventory. By October 1, 2027, all law enforcement agencies that receive, maintain, store or preserve sexual assault forensic examination kits shall complete an inventory of all kits in their possession and shall report their findings to the Department of Public Safety. At a minimum, reported findings to the department must include a breakdown by year by each agency of the number of:

1. Completed kits received, including a breakdown of the number of these kits for which a victim of sexual assault has reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency and the number of these kits for which the victim of sexual assault has not reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency;
2. Completed kits for which a victim of sexual assault has reported the alleged offense to a law enforcement agency and the kit has not been analyzed by a crime laboratory. For purposes of this section, "crime laboratory" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2915-B, subsection 1, paragraph A; and
3. Completed kits that have been returned to the law enforcement agency after analysis by a crime laboratory.

The department shall compile all agency findings and present a report of the inventory by January 1, 2028 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. At the time the report is presented, the department shall post the report on its publicly accessible website.

**PART OOO
SUMMARY**

This Part makes technical changes to the provisions of the bill requiring the Department of Public Safety to maintain a tracking system for all completed forensic examination kits to add clarity, including by clarifying that a completed forensic examination kit may be processed by either the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory located in Augusta or another accredited laboratory that provides forensic services to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of analyzing forensic examination kits.

PART PPP

Sec. PPP-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$146,250 and for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$146,250, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding the Maine Information Analysis Center software contract and a contract for firearms examiner services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. PPP-2. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$500,500, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding the replacement of eight 40-millimeter launchers and consoles at three Emergency Communication Centers. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. PPP-3. Transfer of Personal Services balances to Capital Expenditures; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$91,650, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the Capital Expenditures line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding a roof replacement at the K-9 office, parking lot and driveway resurfacing at the Alfred barracks, a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks, and updating the security system at the Bangor barracks. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. PPP-4. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$270,000 and for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$270,000, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the Criminal Justice Academy program for the purposes of funding rising food service costs and costs related to increasing the reimbursement rates to municipalities and counties for contracted cadre trainer services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**PART PPP
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Public Safety to transfer Personal Services to the All Other and Capital Expenditures line categories in order to fund the Maine Information Analysis Center software contract, a contract for firearms examiner services, eight 40-millimeter launchers, consoles at three Emergency Communication Centers, a roof replacement at the K-9 office, parking lot and driveway resurfacing at the Alfred barracks, a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks, an update to the security system at the Bangor barracks, rising food service costs and costs related to increasing reimbursement rates for contracted cadre trainer services.

