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### **An Act To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and  
Representative: GROHMAN of Biddeford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Departmental review.** The Department of Corrections shall conduct a  
3 review of department expenditures regardless of funding source for the purpose of  
4 identifying total General Fund savings in the All Other line category equal to \$75,000 in  
5 fiscal year 2018-19.

6 **Sec. 2. Distribution of funding for rehabilitation programs.** No later than  
7 August 1, 2018, the Department of Corrections shall identify by program the amounts to  
8 be transferred from the appropriation to the Departmentwide - Corrections program in  
9 section 4 to the State Budget Officer.

10 **Sec. 3. Calculation.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no  
11 later than August 3, 2018, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of savings  
12 identified by the Department of Corrections pursuant to section 1 and the distribution of  
13 the appropriation to the Departmentwide - Corrections program in section 4 as identified  
14 by the Department of Corrections pursuant to section 2 and adjust appropriations by  
15 financial order upon approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered  
16 adjustments to appropriations and allocations.

17 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
18 allocations are made.

19 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**  
20 **Departmentwide - Corrections Z096**

21 Initiative: Deappropriates funds to provide funding for prisoner rehabilitation programs.

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23	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
24	All Other	\$0	(\$75,000)
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26	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$75,000)</u>

27 **Departmentwide - Corrections Z096**

28 Initiative: Provides funds to support the Department of Corrections' strategic plan,  
29 including \$40,000 to contract for services to address a waiting list for rehabilitation  
30 programs and \$35,000 for technology costs.

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32	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
33	All Other	\$0	\$75,000
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35	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

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1	<b>CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
2	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
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4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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6	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill provides offsetting General Fund appropriations and deappropriations to  
9 provide funding to support the Department of Corrections' strategic plan to improve  
10 access to and delivery of rehabilitation programs. It also requires that the funds be  
11 transferred by financial order by the State Budget Officer upon approval of the Governor  
12 and specifies that the transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations and  
13 allocations.