

# Legislative Report 3/16/2020

Position Color Key: **Green= Support** **Blue= No Position** **Red= Oppose**

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<b>LD657</b> <b>Oppose</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Reorganize the Probate Courts</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative CARDONE of Bangor, Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook <b>Status:</b> Mar 3, 2020 Work Session Held TABLED <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Judiciary</a> <b>Notes:</b> 3/2/2020 LPC Voted to Oppose - Several LPC members and Probate employees plan to attend the work session on 3/3
<b>LD 973</b> <b>No Position</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>Joint Order, (973) Requiring the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice &amp; Public Safety To Study the Stabilization of Funding for the County Jails and the Regional Jail</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Sponsored by Representative Charlotte Warren <b>Status:</b> Waiting to see Draft, being held until Committee meets / No Date yet set / Last Action Voted OTP AM Dec 2019 <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">To Joint Criminal Justice And Public Safety</a> <b>Notes:</b> ACTION: Called Sheriff Brackett, he/they had met with Warren (have not seen the bill) DOC had contacted MSA to understand SSI / they had two meetings, BNG & PTLD /Jail Admin. researching # of past inmates that would meet SSI definition / Tax Cap - MMA adjustment / Warren wanted more on County based Committee /
<b>LD 1466</b> <b>No Position</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Allow Community-based Organizations To Participate in Diversion Projects for Persons with Substance Use Disorder</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. <b>Status:</b> Thursday, February 13, 2020 1:00 PM,State House, Room 126 <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Criminal Justice And Public Safety</a> <b>Notes:</b> MSA SUPPORTS Dept. Public SafetyFunding with in current funding/ Grant Allocation
<b>LD1862</b> <b>HP1333</b> <b>No Position</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>Resolve, Authorizing the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission To Submit Trust Decanting Legislation</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Bailey, D., Berry, S., Chenette, J., Lawrence, M. <b>Status:</b> Jan 23, 2020 Voted Divided Report <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Judiciary</a> <b>Notes:</b> Seeking greater detail on intent and reaction from Registrar's of Probate
<b>LD1863</b> <b>HP1334</b> <b>No Position</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Reported by Representative BAILEY of Saco <b>Status:</b> Feb 6, 2020 Voted OTP - Feb 20, 2020 Reported Out OTP <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Judiciary</a> <b>Notes:</b> Seeking greater detail on intent and reaction from Registrar's of Probate
<b>LD1898</b> <b>SP0650</b> <b>No Position</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>An Act Regarding Property Taxes on Certain Energy Generation Projects</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Sponsored by Senator Heather Sanborn <b>Status:</b> Mar 5, 2020 Reported Out ONTP <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Taxation</a> <b>Notes:</b> Somerset / TIF /Changed Valuation/ Will discuss with MMA and Sponsors.
<b>LD1907</b> <b>HP1361</b> <b>No Position</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: COLLINGS of <b>Status:</b> No public hearings or worksessions have been listed for this bill. <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Judiciary</a> <b>Notes:</b> Keep an eye on
<b>LD1908</b> <b>HP1362</b> <b>Oppose</b>	<b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Establish First Responders Day as a State Holiday on September 11th</b> <b>Sponsors:</b> Sponsored by Representative William Tuell <b>Status:</b> Jan 31, 2020 Reported Out OTP-AM <b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">State and Local Government</a> <b>Notes:</b> 1/13/20 - LPC Voted to Oppose - Deserving as are our Law Enforcement and other emergency responders.

LD1934 HP1378 No Position	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act Regarding Prior Authorization for Medication-assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder under the MaineCare Program</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: CRAVEN of Mar 12, 2020 Reported Out OTP-AM</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 12, 2020 Reported Out OTP-AM</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Health and Human Services</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> 2019/02/21 - The bill amends the Bail Code to provide a defendant who is not dangerous, is not a flight risk in the absence of bond and is otherwise eligible for bail may not be detained solely due to financial inability to post a money or property bond and may file a motion with the court requesting relief from the requirement to post a money or property bond. The bill requires the court to determine the financial capacity of the defendant and rule on the motion in an expedited manner.</p>
LD1935 No Position	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act Regarding Prior Authorization for Medication-assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder under the MaineCare Program</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Sponsored by Representative Tiffany Roberts</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Feb 14, 2020 Reported Out ONTP</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Health and Human Services</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p>
LD1941 HP1385 No Position	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Reform Corrections Officer Compensation in Maine</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Representative William Pluecker</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:00 AM, State House, Room 436</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Criminal Justice and Public Safety</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Concern of driving up Costs to Counties, loss of employees</p>
LD1945 No Position	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Black, R., Davis, P., Dill, J., Dunphy, M., Farrin, B., Hall, R., Martin, R., Perkins, M., Stanley, S., Stewart, H.</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Feb 19, 2020 Reported Out OTP</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">To Joint Transportation</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Testify NF/NA but advocate for more Training Sessions to reduce the backlog and length of time to be scheduled</p>
LD1959 No Position	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Include within the Definition of "Public Employee" Those Who Have Been Employed Less than 6 Months</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative SYLVESTER of Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, DODGE of Belfast,</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 4, 2020 Voted Divided Report</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Committee on Labor and Housing</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Charlie: I plan to appear and state MCCA is assessing the potential impact which would vary among Counties. This may eliminates probation periods for newhires</p>
LD1967 HP1411 Support	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>Resolve, Authorizing the Establishment of Prosecutorial Districts in Downeast Maine</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: ALLEY of Beals,</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Feb 26, 2020 Voted OTP-AM</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Judiciary</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> 1/13/20 LPC Voted to Support</p>
LD1978 No Position	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Improve the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox. Cosponsored by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec,</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 11, 2020 Voted Divided Report</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Labor</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Watch</p>
LD1983 SP0685 No Position	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Amend Certain Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements Imposed on State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies and the Department of Public Safety</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 2, 2020 Reported Out OTP</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Criminal Justice and Public Safety</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Watch</p>

LD2002 HP1418 No Position	Title: <b>An Act To Improve Compliance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy Registration and Licensure Requirements</b> Sponsors: Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco. Status: Mar 2, 2020 Reported Out OTP Committee: <a href="#">Veterans and Legal Affairs</a> Notes: Watch
LD2005 HP0707 Oppose	Title: <b>An Act To Amend the Law Governing Maximum Length Limits for Truck Tractor</b> Sponsors: Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset. Status: Feb 24, 2020 Reported Out OTP Committee: <a href="#">Committee on Transportation</a> Notes: 1-13-20 LPC Voted to OPPOSE this bill.
LD2015 HP1436 Support	Title: <b>An Act To Provide for Leave from Work for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking</b> Sponsors: Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick. Status: Feb 5, 2020 Reported Out ONTP Committee: <a href="#">Committee on Labor and Housing</a> Notes: 1/13/2020 LPC Voted to SUPPORT
LD2018 HP1439 No Position	Title: <b>An Act To Require That Parking Lots for State Agencies Meet the Standards Set Forth in the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990</b> Sponsors: Presented by Representative RILEY of Jay. Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, Status: Feb 3, 2020 Voted OTP Committee: <a href="#">State and Local Government</a> Notes: It requires each state department, state agency or quasi-independent state entity to examine each parking area by June 1, 2020.
LD2019 SP0709 No Position	Title: <b>An Act To Extend to Other Public Sector Employees the Same Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Contracts</b> Sponsors: Sen. CLAXTON, Androscoggin, Co's: Rep. CARNEY, Cape Elizabeth and Sens. BELLOWS, Kennebec, CHENETTE, York, MILLETT, Status: Work Session: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:00 PM, Cross Building, Room 202 Committee: <a href="#">Committee on Labor and Housing</a> Notes: Counties currently provide
LD2021 SP0711 Support	Title: <b>An Act To Provide Funding for Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas</b> Sponsors: Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo. Cosponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay and Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CLAXTON of Status: Feb 4, 2020 Voted Divided Report Committee: <a href="#">Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology</a> Notes: 1/13/2020 LPC Voted to SUPPORT
LD2037 HP1447 Support	Title: <b>An Act To Amend the Maine Criminal Code</b> Sponsors: Reported by Representative WARREN of Hallowell Status: Public Hearing: Friday, February 28, 2020 12:00 PM, State House, Room 436 Committee: <a href="#">Criminal Justice and Public Safety</a> Notes: 1/13/2020 LPC Voted to SUPPORT
LD2064 HP1466 No Position	Title: <b>An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Bridges:</b> Sponsors: Sponsored by Representative Andrew McLean Status: Feb 13, 2020 Voted OTP-AM Committee: <a href="#">Transportation</a> Notes: Bridges in unorganized townships that would be considered Town responsibility according to the Local Bridge Law. 03- Western > Albany Twp FERNALD MILL03- Western > Albany Twp FULLERTON03- Western > Albany Twp KIMBALLS03- Western > Albany Twp PAPOOSE POND03- Western > Andover North Surplus GIBBS03- Western > Andover West Surplus Twp FRYE03- Western > Blanchard Twp AMES03- Western > Madrid Twp EAST MADRID03- Western > Mason Twp BEANS MILL03- Western > Mason Twp PLEASANTRIVER03- Western > Milton Twp BYRON03- Western > Riley Twp BULL BRANCH03- Western > Riley Twp BULL BRANCH#203- Western > Riley Twp MILES NOTCH04- Eastern > Centerville Twp MIDDLEBRANCH04- Eastern > Willimantic JACKSONBROOK BRIDGE05- Northern > T6 R7 WELS SAWTELL

<p>LD2085 HP1486</p> <p>No Position</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Ensure Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Care and Education in All Maine's Jails and State Correctional and Detention Facilities</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington...</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 11, 2020 Work Session Held TABLED</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Criminal Justice and Public Safety</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> MSA SUPPORTS. Rep. RTR believed the bill directed DOC to provide the service but the proposal only states, "The DOC shall provide staffing services to the advisory committee." I am waiting her response. DAY II: I met with Rep. Talbot-Ross to advise her she had misread Sec. 5, believing DOC was going to pay for the healthcare. She immediately brought in a Planned Parenthood healthcare advocates and suggested MCCA to meet with them and the DOC staff they worked with on the Bill to discuss how it would be funded. Met with Rep. Warren to express MCCA's concerns, her response, first a question, "Are men's healthcare paid by the Jails? Men's health is provided, women's healthcare needs to be provided. (Not verbatim). But, she'd keep an open mind. MACCAM would know better, not knowing the extent of sexual/reproductive healthcare and "education" would be included, I believe there needs to be a low/high ball estimate for each of the facilities to present to the Office of Fiscal &amp; Program Review. We will need to be somewhat knowledgeable when the bill comes up which may be as soon as a week for the Hearing, maybe two and another week for the work session. I know, a tough turnaround.</p>
<p>LD2086 HP1487</p> <p>No Position</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>Resolve, To Create a Criminal Records Review Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth, EVANGELOS of Friendship, Senators: DESCHAMBAULT of York, President JACKSON of Aroostook.</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 2, 2020 Voted Divided Report</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Committee on Judiciary</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> MSA SUPPORTS</p>
<p>LD2087 HP1488</p> <p>No Position</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act Relating to Fair Chance in Employment:</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin and Representatives: CARNEY</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 12, 2020 Voted Divided Report</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Committee on Labor and Housing</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Rep. RTR Believes Current Related Exemption Apply</p>
<p>LD2085</p> <p>No Position</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Ensure Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Care and Education in All Maine's Jails and State Correctional and Detention Facilities</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington...</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Mar 11, 2020 Work Session Held TABLED</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Criminal Justice and Public Safety</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Charlie: I have met with MMA to pull the group we had last year urging the Governor to VETO the legislation last year. This will be an ALL OUT EFFORT with all of Democratic Leadership and Committee Chairs all on the Bill with the Democratic Governor being put into a bind with a natural constituency, Labor, a fight Republicans will love to see.</p>
<p>LD2094</p> <p>No Position</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b> Reported by Representative BAILEY of Saco for the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Work Session: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:30 AM, State House, Room 438</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Judiciary</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p>
<p>LR 3256</p> <p>Oppose</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> <b>An Act To Reform the Criminal Justice System</b></p> <p><b>Sponsors:</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> Committee Hearing about the potential bill 3-2-20</p> <p><b>Committee:</b> <a href="#">Criminal Justice and Public Safety</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> 3-2-20 LPC Voted to oppose</p>