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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Improve the Ability of the Commissioner  
of Corrections To Respond in Special Situations'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3013** is enacted to read:

**§ 3013. Special response teams**

The commissioner may establish ongoing special response teams consisting of personnel from more than one facility or division of the department to assist, as determined by the commissioner, in responding to special situations anywhere in the department.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that the Commissioner of Corrections has authority to create interfacility teams to respond to special situations throughout the department. The amendment ensures that the commissioner may pull staff with expertise from one facility to assist in a special situation in another facility. The amendment does not change the current procedure for emergencies, in which the commissioner must seek approval from the Governor to assign personnel as necessary to assist in emergency situations.