

**MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FOR THE 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE, SECOND REGULAR SESSION
Frank O. Stred Building, Manchester, Maine
Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Conference call information
Number: 207-480-4790
Participant Code: 057614
Moderator Code: 259633**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (Dr. Meister) (5 minutes)
2. Administrative Items (Mr. MacLean) (10 minutes)
 - a. Update email addresses for *Maine Medicine Weekly Update*
 - b. Advocacy communications; process for review of bills; Excel Tracking Sheet
 - c. Legislative Committee conference call schedule: Tuesdays at 8 p.m.
 - d. Doctor of the Day Program
 - e. Legislative Summary PowerPoint presentation & 2017 Annual Report of the Legislative Committee:
<https://www.mainemed.com/advocacy/legislative-regulatory>
 - f. State legislature's web site: <http://www.legislature.maine.gov/>
3. Political environment/review of partisan split in 128th Maine Legislature (Staff) (10 minutes)
 - a. Maine Senate: 18 R, 17 D
 - b. Maine House: 74 D, 70 R, 1 Green I, 5 I, 1 "Common Sense" I
 - c. 2018 is election year for Governor, Senator King's seat, both Congressional seats, & all 186 seats in the Maine Legislature
4. FY 2018-2019 Supplemental budget situation (Staff) (5 minutes)
5. Ballot Question 2 ACA Medicaid expansion effort/*Cover Maine Now Coalition*, <http://covermainenow.com/> (Staff) (10 minutes)
6. Review "Committee Bills Carried Over" list (All) (attached) (15 minutes)
7. Review "All Requests Accepted by the Legislative Council Sorted by Sponsor" (attached) (All) (15 minutes)
8. Review "Agency and Department Bills by Subject As of Friday, October 6, 2017" (All) (attached) (5 minutes)

9. Update on interim studies & task forces (Staff) (10 minutes)
 - a. Opioid TF (Executive Summary of Report attached)
 - b. Health Care Reform TF (Joint Order and list of appointees attached)
10. State regulatory issues (Staff) (5 minutes)
11. Federal issues (Staff) (5 minutes)
12. Other business (Dr. Meister) (5 minutes)
13. Adjourn

1st Regular Session of the 128th Legislature - Committee Bills Carried Over

Committee	LD #	Title
ACF	637	An Act To Protect Maine's Lands
ACF	742	An Act To Allow Hemp Growers To Grow Hemp from Clones and To Grow Hemp Indoors
ACF	858	An Act To Strengthen the Law Regarding Dangerous Dogs
ACF	939	An Act To Protect Maine's Agriculture
ACF	1574	Resolve, To Require Greater Clearing of Vegetation along Portions of Route 161 in the Town of Allagash
ACF	1584	An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy by Promoting Local Foods Procurement
ACF	1611	An Act To Protect Persons Who Cultivate, Process, Buy and Sell Hemp
AFA	47	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers
AFA	139	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Community Colleges
AFA	143	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund
AFA	176	An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Disability Retirement Benefits Administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
AFA	177	An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at State Correctional Institutions That Are Closing
AFA	178	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Jobs, Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water Resources
AFA	247	An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Participating Local Districts
AFA	292	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service
AFA	316	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Railways
AFA	317	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities
AFA	318	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Economic Development with High-Resolution Geospatial Data
AFA	319	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development
AFA	345	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation
AFA	376	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a New Engineering Design and Education Center at the University of Maine

AFA	416	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Groundfish Permit Bank
AFA	467	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Changes in Sea Level
AFA	520	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Increase Rural Maine's Access to Broadband Internet Service
AFA	521	An Act To Align the Criteria Used by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in Determining Veterans' Disability Claims with the Criteria Used by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
AFA	546	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Biological Research in Maine
AFA	590	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure
AFA	638	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Transportation Projects
AFA	650	An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits
AFA	675	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Food Processing Infrastructure in Targeted Areas of the State
AFA	735	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors
AFA	743	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote and Improve the Intermodal Transportation System in Maine
AFA	836	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Maine's Workforce Development Capacity by Modernizing and Improving the Facilities and Infrastructure of Maine's Public Universities
AFA	837	An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government
AFA	897	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Efficient Biomass Thermal and Power Projects in Maine
AFA	924	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government
AFA	925	An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government
AFA	953	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Biomass Industry
AFA	955	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund
AFA	964	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings
AFA	1118	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Local Infrastructure
AFA	1330	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Facilitate Innovative Approaches to Regional School Facilities and To Establish the Maine Innovative Regional School Facilities Finance Program
AFA	1331	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund

AFA	1509	An Act To Prohibit Retired State Employees and Teachers from Returning to Work While Collecting Retirement Benefits
AFA	1510	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the June 2017 Election
AFA	1511	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Protection of Public Health and Marine Resources and To Achieve Cost Savings in State Facilities Owned by the Department of Marine Resources
AFA	1562	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Capitalize a Career and Technical Revolving Equipment and Renovation Fund
AFA	1586	An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery
AFA	1602	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Agricultural Water Resource Development and Marketing
AFA	1614	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Program
CJPS	250	An Act Regarding the Penalties for Sex Trafficking and Aggravated Sex Trafficking
CJPS	861	An Act To Provide Wage Parity for Certain State Law Enforcement Personnel
CJPS	951	An Act To Adopt the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking
CJPS	1048	An Act To Reclassify Certain Offenses and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System
CJPS	1146	Resolve, To Provide Wage Parity for Law Enforcement Officers in the Department of Corrections with Other Law Enforcement Officers
CJPS	1168	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Victims' Bill of Rights
CJPS	1183	An Act To Expand Use of Electronic Monitoring in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Cases
CJPS	1202	An Act To Clear a Path to Employment
CJPS	1268	An Act To Enhance Pretrial Justice through Risk-based Decision Making with Enhanced Diversion, Release and Treatment Options for Eligible Defendants
CJPS	1389	An Act To Disburse Funds to the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
CJPS	1414	An Act To Ensure the Availability of In-person Visitation in County Jails
CJPS	1415	An Act To Provide Additional Deductions from a Sentence of Imprisonment for Completion of Education, Mental Health Treatment and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs
EDU	51	An Act Regarding the Withdrawal of a Single Municipality from a Regional School Unit
EDU	228	An Act To Amend the Mathematics Requirements for High School Graduation

EDU	334	An Act To Clarify the Uses of the Fund To Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education
EDU	1016	An Act To Provide Funding for Career and Technical Education Based on Projected Enrollment
EDU	1336	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Process for a Single Municipality To Withdraw from a Regional School Unit
EDU	1492	An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers To Strengthen the Workforce
ENR	399	An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws
ENR	1095	An Act To Establish the Maine Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission
ENR	1298	An Act To Update Maine's Water Quality Standards
ENR	1534	An Act To Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms and Reduce Waste
EUT	131	An Act To Protect the Biomass Industry
EUT	140	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Entrepreneurial Activity, Attract Business and Enhance Demographic In-migration by Investing in High-speed Broadband Infrastructure and To Amend the Law Governing the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund
EUT	257	An Act To Enable Municipalities Working with Utilities To Establish Microgrids
EUT	260	An Act To Create the Maine Energy Office
EUT	532	An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Hydroelectric Generators under the Renewable Resources Laws
EUT	822	An Act To Ensure Fairness among Large Consumers of Natural Gas
EUT	1176	An Act To Ensure the Safety of Low-income Persons Who Are Deaf and Who Use Video and Captioned Phones by Providing Equitable Access to the Internet
EUT	1224	An Act To Allow for Greater Energy Competition in Maine by Amending the Law Governing Electric Generation or Generation-related Assets by Affiliates
EUT	1372	An Act To Increase Broadband Access for Rural Communities
EUT	1373	An Act To Protect and Expand Access to Solar Power in Maine
EUT	1444	An Act Regarding Large-scale Community Solar Procurement
EUT	1472	An Act To Lower the Costs of Broadband Service by Coordinating the Installation of Broadband Infrastructure
EUT	1487	An Act To Control Electricity Transmission Costs through the Development of Nontransmission Alternatives
EUT	1515	An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Spending from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund
EUT	1610	An Act To Protect Privacy of Online Customer Personal Information
EUT	1632	An Act To Establish the Manufacturing Jobs Energy Program

HHS	40	An Act To Strengthen Requirements for Water Testing for Schools
HHS	166	An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Child Care Services
HHS	186	An Act To Improve Peer Support Services
HHS	238	An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
HHS	270	An Act To Consolidate Administration of Kinship Care and Relative Placement Issues within the Department of Health and Human Services
HHS	272	An Act Requiring Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for Teenagers
HHS	274	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers
HHS	383	An Act To Increase Access to Child Care
HHS	384	An Act To Strengthen Maine Children's Mental Health
HHS	386	An Act To Establish Universal Health Care for Maine
HHS	411	An Act To Add Addiction to or Dependency on Opiates or Prescription Drugs to the List of Qualifying Conditions for Medical Marijuana
HHS	470	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals and Increase Access to Health Care
HHS	561	An Act To Remove the Requirement That Child Care Facility Workers and Family Child Care Providers Submit to Criminal Background Checks
HHS	562	An Act Concerning the Department of Health and Human Services
HHS	565	An Act To Address Maine's Opiate Addiction Crisis
HHS	566	An Act To Improve Access to High-quality Child Care by Increasing Child Care Rates
HHS	605	An Act To Support Evidence-based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
HHS	691	An Act To Prevent Lead Poisoning in Children
HHS	692	Resolve, To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals
HHS	762	An Act To Allow a Percentage of Funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund To Fund Health Care Research
HHS	763	An Act To Support Individuals with Disabilities by Exempting Certain Wages from Consideration for MaineCare
HHS	765	An Act To Allow In-home Child Care Providers To Care for up to 5 Children without State Certification
HHS	812	Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Save Lives and Support People with Substance Use Disorder in Washington County
HHS	842	Resolve, To Support Home Health Services
HHS	898	An Act To Address Mandatory Overtime for Hospital Professionals

HHS	902	Resolve, To Increase Access to Evidence-based Psychosocial Treatment for Children in the MaineCare Program
HHS	966	An Act To Create Mental Health Liaison Positions in Each County Jail
HHS	999	An Act To Provide a Healthy Learning Environment in Early Care Settings by Requiring Rules Concerning Nutrition and Physical Activity
HHS	1063	An Act To Protect Substance-exposed Infants
HHS	1097	An Act To Develop and Distribute Work Training Pamphlets To Educate State Agencies, Private Businesses and Other Organizations about Dementia
HHS	1098	An Act To Ensure Reasonable Accommodations for Children for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended
HHS	1109	An Act Relating to the Costs of Administering General Assistance
HHS	1133	An Act Regarding Access to Appropriate Residential Services for Individuals Being Discharged from Psychiatric Hospitalization
HHS	1135	An Act To Strengthen the Efficacy of the Medical Marijuana Laws
HHS	1148	An Act To Safeguard the Rights of Private Child Care Businesses
HHS	1162	An Act To Reduce the Incidence of Obesity and Chronic Disease in Maine
HHS	1177	An Act To Create an Appeals Process for Child Care Providers
HHS	1189	An Act To Define the Age of Consent for Alcohol or Drug Treatment and Mental Health Services
HHS	1214	An Act To Create Fairness in Home-based Care Fees for Service
HHS	1273	Resolve, To Redispense Donated Prescription Drugs
HHS	1329	An Act To Allow Tobacco Retail Establishments To Serve Alcohol
HHS	1374	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Assess and Improve the Availability of Child Care Services
HHS	1423	An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing Child Care Providers
HHS	1430	An Act To Develop a Statewide Resource and Referral Center and Develop Hub-and-spoke Models To Improve Access, Treatment and Recovery for Those with Substance Use Disorder
HHS	1435	An Act To Ensure Transparency in the Distribution of Federal Block Grant Funds
HHS	1474	An Act To Reduce the Regulation of Child Care Facilities
HHS	1481	Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Provide Travel Vouchers to Persons with Disabilities in Rural Communities
HHS	1495	An Act To Break the Generational Cycle of Domestic Violence
HHS	1527	An Act To Ensure Safety, Quality and Transparency in the Medical Marijuana Market and To Ensure Sufficient Funding for Regulation and Enforcement with Respect to the Retail Marijuana Industry
HHS	1539	An Act To Amend Maine's Medical Marijuana Law

HHS	1612	An Act To Support Maine Families through Universal Family Care
IFS	389	An Act To Promote Access to Financial Institutions by Entities That Are Authorized under State Law
IFS	453	Resolve, Regarding Insurance Coverage for Alternative Therapies for Addiction and Recovery
IFS	660	An Act To Allow Credit and Debit Card Surcharges
IFS	696	An Act Regarding Insurance and Financial Services
IFS	968	An Act To Help Prevent Financial Elder Abuse
IFS	1030	An Act To Require Nondiscrimination Policies in Providing Health Care Services
IFS	1032	An Act To Ensure Protection and Health Insurance of Patients
IFS	1279	An Act To Ensure Patient Protections in the Health Insurance Laws
IFS	1417	An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Lyme Disease
IFS	1476	An Act To Ensure Continued Coverage for Essential Health Care
IFS	1507	An Act To Establish a Student Loan Bill of Rights To License and Regulate Student Loan Servicers
IFW	11	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish the Right To Hunt and Fish
IFW	630	An Act To Prohibit Third Parties from Facilitating Transfers of Moose Permits for Consideration
IFW	768	An Act To Establish 2 Comprehensive Licenses for Hunting and for Hunting and Fishing
IFW	1236	An Act To Improve Maine's Heritage Fish List
IFW	1451	An Act To Promote Biosecurity and Better Regulate the Importation, Possession and Use of Aquatic Species
JUD	123	An Act To Recodify and Revise the Maine Probate Code
JUD	283	An Act To Increase the Jurisdictional Limits for Small Claims
JUD	821	An Act To Enact the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act
JUD	846	An Act To Enact the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act
JUD	860	An Act To Establish a Statewide Electronic Warrant System
JUD	934	An Act To Establish an Expedited Temporary Guardianship Process
JUD	969	An Act Regarding Nonprobate Transfers on Death
JUD	1187	An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Statutes
JUD	1267	An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals
JUD	1355	An Act To Ensure the Timely and Proper Completion of Residential Foreclosures
JUD	1406	An Act To Promote Prescription Drug Price Transparency
JUD	1541	An Act To Protect Certain Administrative Licensing Files
LCED	669	An Act To Address the Unmet Workforce Needs of Employers and To Improve the Economic Future of Workers
LCED	700	An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for Temporary Layoffs

LCED	912	An Act To Clarify the Scope of Practice of Certain Licensed Professionals Regarding Conversion Therapy
LCED	958	An Act To Enact the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
LCED	1244	An Act To Support Small Manufacturers in the State
LCED	1327	An Act To Allow Former Military Medical Personnel To Perform Certain Medical Services
LCED	1542	An Act To Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties
LCED	1566	An Act To Enact the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act
LCED	1587	An Act To Provide Economic Security to Maine Families through the Creation of a Paid Family Medical Leave System
MAR	703	An Act To Address Marine Debris Resulting from Commercial Activities
MAR	922	An Act Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Investigate the Conditions of Sheepscot Pond Related to a Management Plan for Anadromous Fish Species
MAR	1519	An Act To Define the Intertidal Zone for the Management and Enforcement of Shellfish Conservation Ordinances
MLI	164	An Act To Require Tamper-evident Packaging for Recreational Marijuana Products
MLI	215	An Act To Require a License for the Possession, Sale, Cultivation or Transportation of Marijuana for Recreational Use
MLI	231	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Regulate the Growing of Marijuana
MLI	301	An Act To Protect Children from Marijuana Sales by Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Social Clubs near Schools
MLI	310	An Act To Responsibly Implement an Adult Use Cannabis Program
MLI	387	An Act To Provide for Oversight of Maine's Recreational Marijuana Laws
MLI	433	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Apply a Local Option Sales Tax to the Sale of Marijuana
MLI	498	An Act Regarding Marijuana Licensing
MLI	499	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Retail Marijuana Facilities in Safe Zones
MLI	545	An Act To Ensure Maine's Unorganized Townships and Plantations Maintain Local Control under Laws Legalizing Marijuana
MLI	596	An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Motor Vehicle
MLI	625	An Act To Prohibit the Location of a Marijuana Facility within 2,000 Feet of a House of Public Worship or Property Associated with a House of Public Worship
MLI	626	An Act To Provide Funding for County Jails from Sales Tax Collected on Retail Sales of Marijuana and Marijuana Products
MLI	627	An Act To Establish a Data Collection Program To Monitor Effects of Marijuana Regulation

MLI	667	An Act To Repeal the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana
MLI	672	An Act To Clarify a Municipality's Authority To Adopt and Enforce Land Use Regulations for Marijuana Facilities
MLI	734	An Act Extending the Time Period for Municipalities To Approve Marijuana Businesses
MLI	797	An Act To Fund Railroad Infrastructure and Operations
MLI	798	An Act To Clarify the Intent of the Licensing Provisions in the Marijuana Legalization Act
MLI	799	An Act To Protect Landlords and Tenants from the Deleterious Effects of Marijuana Use
MLI	806	An Act To Provide Tax Fairness and To Lower Medical Expenses for Patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
MLI	854	An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Marijuana Legalization Act as Approved by the Voters
MLI	855	An Act To Protect Children from Edible Cannabis Products
MLI	938	An Act To Harmonize Provisions of "An Act To Legalize Marijuana" with Related Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
MLI	1197	An Act to Support Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment and Recovery
MLI	1209	An Act To Reserve for County Government One Percent of the Excise Tax Revenue from the Sale of Retail Marijuana
MLI	1431	An Act To Dedicate a Portion of the Tax on the Sale of Marijuana to Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Law Enforcement Costs and Regulatory Oversight
MLI	1448	An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions of the Marijuana Legalization Act and To Deter the Use of Marijuana by Minors
MLI	1491	An Act To Provide for Safety, Quality and Transparency in the Retail Marijuana Industry
MLI	1499	An Act To Better Regulate Marijuana
MLI	1596	An Act To Establish the Cannabis Advisory Commission
SLG	105	An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine
SLG	473	An Act To Quantitatively Evaluate State Contracts
SLG	780	An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Cary Plantation
SLG	823	An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology
SLG	890	An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the House of Representatives
SLG	1068	An Act To Require That State-funded Buildings Be Constructed with Wood Products
SLG	1345	An Act To Provide Alternative Repayment Methods to Employees Overcompensated through an Employer Error
SLG	1484	An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of the Town of Atkinson

SLG	1588	An Act To Maintain Mail Routes and Access to Residential Structures
SLG	1604	Resolve, To Amend Authorization To Sell Certain Property in Augusta
TAX	442	An Act To Create a Family Caregiver Income Tax Credit
TAX	1283	An Act To Modernize the Mining Excise Tax
TAX	1338	An Act To Create and Sustain Jobs through Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses
TAX	1461	An Act To Encourage the Construction of Affordable Housing
TAX	1479	An Act To Modernize and Improve Maine's Property Tax System
TAX	1537	An Act To Replace the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit with the Student Loan Repayment Credit for Maine Residents
TAX	1565	An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Increment Financing
TAX	1599	An Act To Improve the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law
TAX	1629	An Act To Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures
TRA	209	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage
TRA	584	An Act To Create the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety
TRA	1149	An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Infrastructure
TRA	1400	An Act To Create the Bar Harbor Port Authority
TRA	1595	An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities
VLA	31	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District
VLA	1201	An Act To Authorize Tribal Gaming
VLA	1568	An Act To Require That Principals of Corporations Remain the Same for a Specified Number of Years for the Corporation To Be Eligible for a Casino License
VLA	1590	An Act Authorizing the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Benefit from the Operation of an Existing Casino
VLA	1646	An Act To Bring Maine's Ranked-choice Voting Law into Constitutional Compliance

OTHER BILLS CARRIED OVER

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BILLS CARRIED OVER ON THE APPROPRIATIONS TABLE

8	An Act To Provide Training for Forest Rangers To Carry Firearms
20	An Act To Reimburse Nursing Homes for the Loss of Coinsurance and Deductibles for Skilled Nursing Beds under Rules Adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services
27	An Act To Exempt Sales to Parent-Teacher Organizations from the Sales Tax
49	An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine's Students
59	An Act To Provide Funding for a Therapeutic Adult Day Service Center
79	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Career and Technical Student Organizations
85	An Act Regarding Public Service Berthing Vessels Licensed for the Sale of Liquor
106	An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Dental Services to Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder
111	An Act To Establish an Additional Veterans Treatment Court
170	An Act To Allow and Recognize a Legal Name Change upon Marriage
173	An Act To Reduce Food Insecurity
174	An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the Purposes of Providing Information to the Public
192	An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids
197	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Explicitly Protect against Sex Discrimination
230	An Act To Increase Access to Head Start
267	Resolve, To Increase Certain Chiropractic Reimbursement Rates under the MaineCare Program
285	An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Coworking Development Fund
288	An Act To Limit Questions Regarding Criminal History on State Employment Applications
289	An Act To Extend the Veteran Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Have Served on Active Duty
320	An Act To Provide MaineCare Coverage for Chiropractic Treatment
323	An Act To Fully Fund the Waiting List for the Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder Waiver
328	An Act To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization
367	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State

377	Resolve, To Establish the York County Jail Drug Detoxification and Rehabilitation Pilot Program
401	An Act To Require Reimbursement to Hospitals for Patients Awaiting Placement in Nursing Facilities
423	An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine
449	An Act To Add Domestic Violence against the Victim as an Aggravating Factor in Sentencing for Murder
503	An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program
513	An Act To Increase the Maximum Pension Deduction for State Income Tax
524	An Act To Amend the Laws on Domestic Violence
525	An Act To Enhance Maine's Response to Domestic Violence
526	An Act To Remove the Cap on an Increase in the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers
643	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services
656	An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Biobased Products
681	An Act Regarding Sexual Activity and Sexual Assault at Secondary and Postsecondary Educational Institutions
687	Resolve, Regarding Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathology Services
720	An Act To Provide Lung Cancer Screening for MaineCare Recipients
781	An Act To Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs
792	An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families
816	An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children
843	An Act To Adjust the Formula for Calculating the Allocation of Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges
967	An Act To Ensure Access to Community Services for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism
990	An Act To Prevent Violence against Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Medical Care Providers and Firefighters
998	An Act To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services
1000	Resolve, To Increase Access to Brain Injury Waiver Services
1006	An Act Regarding Housing Insecurity of Older Citizens

1091	An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code and Related Statutes
1127	An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks
1130	An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools
1188	An Act To Facilitate MaineCare-Funded Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes
1190	An Act Regarding Driver's License Suspensions for Nondriving-related Violations
1196	An Act To Assist Seniors and Certain Persons with Disabilities in Paying Property Taxes
1204	An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities
1212	An Act To Amend the Definition of "Eligible Business Equipment" for the Purposes of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program
1248	An Act To Improve Public Transportation in Maine
1280	An Act To Require Drug Manufacturers To Comply with Federal Law
1286	An Act To Facilitate Compliance by School Employees with Criminal History Record Check and Fingerprinting Requirements
1287	An Act To Strengthen Efforts To Recruit and Retain Primary Care Professionals and Dentists in Rural and Underserved Areas of the State
1301	An Act To Improve Access to Preventive, Cost-saving Dental Services
1308	Resolve, To Expedite the Processing of Applications for Certification under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit
1314	Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services
1317	An Act To Encourage Family-friendly Businesses through a Tax Credit for Child Care
1321	An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development in Early Childhood
1322	An Act Regarding Mental Health First Aid Training for Corrections Personnel
1343	An Act To Promote Downtown Revitalization by Creating the Locating Businesses Downtown Loan Program
1388	An Act To Prohibit the Falsification of Medical Records
1391	An Act To Ensure the Continuation of the Landowner Relations Program
1399	An Act To Encourage Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine
1407	An Act Regarding Prescription Drug Step Therapy
1429	An Act Regarding the Epidemic of Opiate Abuse
1433	An Act To Protect Maine Children from Lung Cancer by Requiring Radon Testing in Schools

1466	An Act To Address Severe and Ongoing Shortfalls in the Funding of Direct Care Workers in Long-term Care Settings and To Establish the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues
1490	An Act To Stabilize Funding for the County Jails
1494	An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes
1517	Resolve, To Ensure Access to Behavioral Health Services
1554	Resolve, Authorizing Claire Dean Perry and the Estate of William Dean To Bring Suit against the Surety Obtained by the Department of Health and Human Services in Its Capacity as Public Conservator
1597	An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax the Fee Associated with the Paint Stewardship Program

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1163	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for a Program of Student Debt Payment and To Provide for the Establishment of That Program
1613	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist in the Commercialization of Maine Products and Services

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1021	Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County
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Sponsor: Representative Bailey of Saco

LR: 2691 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2786 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs

Sponsor: Representative Blume of York

LR: 2719 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection

Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland

LR: 2648 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs

Sponsor: Representative Campbell of Orrington

LR: 2763 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Acquire Significant Historic Properties for Resale and Rehabilitation

Sponsor: Representative Cardone of Bangor

LR: 2537 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Revise the Grandparents Visitation Act

Sponsor: Senator Carpenter of Aroostook

LR: 2739 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Protect Consumers from Bank Overdraft Fees by Prohibiting the Resequencing of Withdrawal Transactions

Sponsor: Representative Corey of Windham

LR: 2622 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Relatives and Legal Guardians for Consumer-directed Attendant Services

Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

LR: 2646 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement

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Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath

LR: 2789 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Encourage Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the Preservation of Jobs

Sponsor: Representative Denno of Cumberland

LR: 2500 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy within the Department of Health and Human Services

Sponsor: Senator Deschambault of York

LR: 2745 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Permit the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in an Area That Is Not Contiguous to Licensed Premises

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

LR: 2466 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially

Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

LR: 2509 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Excise Tax on Automobiles

LR: 2510 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Require That Railroads Grant Easements to Owners of Land That is Otherwise Inaccessible

LR: 2743 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs

Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

LR: 2573 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in a Jurisdiction per Person

LR: 2667 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Establish Legal Requirements for Training and Certification of Civil Deputies

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Sponsor: Senator Dion of Cumberland

LR: 2673 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia

Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

LR: 2740 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

Sponsor: Representative Duchesne of Hudson

LR: 2496 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area

Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester

LR: 2632 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Create Equity for Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

Sponsor: Representative Fay of Raymond

LR: 2526 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Protect Persons Who Provide Assistance to Law Enforcement Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs and Service Dogs

Sponsor: Representative Fecteau of Biddeford

LR: 2459 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2478 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws

Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR: 2744 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Establish a Homeless Opioid User Pilot Project

LR: 2748 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program

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Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR: 2762 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Clarify Liability Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of
MaineCare Providers by the Department of Health and Human Services

Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

LR: 2614 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Enhance Safety for Victims of Sexual Assault and Stalking and To
Amend the Laws Governing Sexual Misconduct with a Child

LR: 2747 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families
through Education and Training

Sponsor: Representative Golden of Lewiston

LR: 2546 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Adopt Protocols Designed
To Prevent Youth Suicide

Sponsor: Representative Grignon of Athens

LR: 2692 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region

Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn

LR: 2675 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Waive the Fee for Attendance at the Maine Criminal Justice
Academy for Former Military Police Officers

Sponsor: Senator Hamper of Oxford

LR: 2664 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the
Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

Sponsor: Representative Handy of Lewiston

LR: 2456 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers

Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

LR: 2525 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum

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Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

LR: 2596 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce

LR: 2597 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries

LR: 2598 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine

LR: 2599 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights

Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade

LR: 2490 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017

Title: An Act To Require Transient Rental Platforms To Register To Collect and Report Sales Taxes

LR: 2609 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2474 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: An Act Regarding a Biomass-generated Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement and Payments to Contractors

LR: 2558 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: An Act To Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation Affecting Maine School Districts in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget

LR: 2657 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads

LR: 2658 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017

Title: An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States

LR: 2742 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017

Title: An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues

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Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland

LR: 2687 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals

Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

LR: 2706 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act Regarding Compensation by Electricity Transmission Providers

Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

LR: 2590 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements

LR: 2591 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation

Sponsor: Representative Kumiega of Deer Isle

LR: 2593 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Amend Maine's Marine Resources Laws Regarding Certain License Fees and Surcharges That Were Amended by Recently Enacted Legislation

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

LR: 2495 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools

LR: 2775 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"

Sponsor: Representative Lawrence of South Berwick

LR: 2788 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Improve Market Stability for Maine Residents Purchasing Individual Health Insurance Coverage

Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth

LR: 2627 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses

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Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

LR: 2542 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act Forbidding Food Shaming, Food Denial and the Use of Food as
Discipline Involving Any Child in Maine's Public Schools

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

LR: 2480 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws
Regarding Municipalities and Counties

Sponsor: Representative Martin of Eagle Lake

LR: 2497 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School
Property

Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

LR: 2588 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Establish a Study Commission To Examine the Implied Warranty
Laws and the Arbitration Process for Those Laws

Sponsor: Representative McCreight of Harpswell

LR: 2554 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for
Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

LR: 2623 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: Resolve, Regarding Rules Governing Family Child Care Provider Licensing

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

LR: 2464 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Shorten the Residency Requirements for In-state Tuition

LR: 2567 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Allow the Operation of Autocycles on Roads in Maine

Sponsor: Representative Moonen of Portland

LR: 2628 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch Regarding Railroad
Trespass Civil Violations and Fines for Civil Violations

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Sponsor: Representative Nadeau of Winslow

LR: 2656 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Offenses against the Person

Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

LR: 2704 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations of Suspicious Deaths and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

LR: 2688 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Governing the Separation of a Class A Restaurant and an Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises

Sponsor: Representative Rykerson of Kittery

LR: 2594 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Allow Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as New Renewable Capacity Resources

Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Portland

LR: 2611 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation

LR: 2703 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act Regarding the Information Required of Debt Buyers for Debt Collection

Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

LR: 2538 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Distributed Energy Generation and To Eliminate Gross Metering

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

LR: 2534 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State

LR: 2711 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption

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Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

LR: 2712 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Allow Certain Hydropower Facilities To Sell Electricity Directly to Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Sites

LR: 2713 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

LR: 2647 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs

Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

LR: 2587 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Clarify the Sales Tax Exemption for Vehicles Used in Interstate or Foreign Commerce

LR: 2608 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry

LR: 2621 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Board To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement

LR: 2746 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard

Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias

LR: 2502 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility

Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington

LR: 2559 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation

Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

LR: 2750 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases

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Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

LR: 2755 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

LR: 2560 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child

Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

LR: 2547 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Establish the Crimes of Criminal Forced Labor and Aggravated Criminal Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code

LR: 2778 Date Accepted: 11/30/2017
Title: An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families

Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

LR: 2613 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine

Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

LR: 2749 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter

Sponsor: Representative Winsor of Norway

LR: 2574 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Authorize the Oxford County Commissioners To Close the Western District Registry of Deeds

Sponsor: Senator Woodsome of York

LR: 2616 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Ensure That Low-income Residents of the State Have Access to Telephone Services

Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville

LR: 2518 Date Accepted: 10/26/2017
Title: An Act To Prohibit the Entry of Anadromous Fish Species into Sheepscot Pond for 3 Years and To Study the Consequences of the Presence of Anadromous Fish in Sheepscot Pond

Total number of bills screened: 93

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Subject: ACF

- LR 2633 An Act To Improve Marketing Efficiency in the Harness Racing Industry by Requiring the Harness Racing Commission To Promote the Sport and by Repealing the Harness Racing Promotional Board
- LR 2738 Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Bureau of Parks and Lands
- LR 2767 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell, Lease or Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Augusta, Bucksport, Limestone, Brookton Township, Penobscot County Unorganized Territory and Rockwood Strip Township
- LR 2769 Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory
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Subject: AFA

- LR 2636 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers
- LR 2638 An Act To Provide for the 2018 and 2019 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds
- LR 2768 An Act To Reorganize the Bureau of General Services in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services
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Subject: CJPS

- LR 2637 An Act To Protect the Integrity of Criminal History Record Information
- LR 2757 An Act Regarding the Victims' Compensation Fund
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Subject: EDU

- LR 2727 An Act Concerning Membership in Career and Technical Education Regions and Centers
- LR 2728 An Act To Clarify and Amend Education Finance Statutes
- LR 2730 An Act To Amend Education Statutes
- LR 2731 An Act To Amend Career and Technical Education Statutes
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Subject: ENR

- LR 2736 An Act To Update the Allowance Budget for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
- LR 2737 An Act To Update Maine's Underground Oil Storage Facilities Laws To Align with Federal Regulations
- LR 2765 An Act To Establish a Single Refund Value for Nonrefillable Beverage Containers
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Subject: EUT

- LR 2631 An Act To Authorize the Public Utilities Commission To Determine the Amount of the E-9-1-1 Surcharge
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Subject: HHS

- LR 2729 An Act To Reorganize the Provision of Services for Infants and Toddlers and Children with Disabilities from Birth to 5 Years of Age
- LR 2732 An Act To Maintain Mental Health Staffing at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and Support Statewide Forensic Services
- LR 2733 An Act To Clarify Licensing Definitions Regarding Eating Establishments and Lodging Places
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Subject: IFS

- LR 2640 An Act To Improve the Regulation of Debt Collectors
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Subject: JUD

- LR 2758 An Act To Amend the Law Prohibiting Claims Based upon Wrongful Birth and Wrongful Life for the Birth of a Healthy Child
- LR 2759 An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Only Physicians May Perform Abortions
- LR 2760 An Act To Clarify the Authority of the Chief Medical Examiner To Properly Dispose of Abandoned Human Remains
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Subject: LCED

- LR 2641 An Act To Revise Laws Regarding Unemployment That Were Amended or Affected by Recently Enacted Legislation
- LR 2642 An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase
- LR 2643 An Act To Conform the Definition of a Salaried Employee Who Is Exempt from Overtime to Federal Law
- LR 2644 An Act To Conform Service Charges To Federal Law
- LR 2645 An Act To Reduce Impairment on the Job and Improve Workplace Safety by Amending the Laws Governing Employment Practices Concerning Substance Abuse Testing
- LR 2734 An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits
- LR 2735 An Act To Streamline Advocacy for Maine Small Businesses
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Subject: MAR

- LR 2639 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Limit the Number of Shrimp Licenses That May Be Used in Certain Seasons
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Subject: SLG

- LR 2677 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts
- LR 2766 An Act To Allow the Efficient and Responsible Acquisition and Sale of Property by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services
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Subject: TAX

- LR 2635 An Act To Increase Revenue To Preserve the Integrity of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure
- LR 2770 An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes
- LR 2771 An Act To Amend the Maine Tax Laws

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Subject: TRA

LR 2634 An Act To Ensure Equity in the Funding of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure by Imposing an Annual Fee on Hybrid and Electric Vehicles

LR 2668 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

LR 2676 An Act To Create the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center Registration Plate

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LR 2669 An Act To Amend the Election Laws

Total number of agency requests: 41

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2016, there were a total of 376 drug-induced deaths in Maine, which is more than one death a day. Because of the urgency of the opioid crisis, the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State was created by the First Regular Session of the 128th of the Maine State Legislature by Joint Order, S.P. 210. As a general mission, the Opioid Task Force (the task force) was established to “examine the current laws in the State addressing opiate abuse and heroin use, including but not limited to existing laws focused on law enforcement, prevention, treatment and recovery.” The task force was further tasked with the following specific responsibilities:

- Review the 2016 report and recommendations of the Maine Opiate Collaborative;
- Review initiatives undertaken by other states, with particular attention to proposals regarding opioid treatment, enforcement and prevention; and
- Develop recommendations to address Maine’s opioid crisis.

The members of the task force were appointed by late March of 2017 and were required by the Joint Order to submit an initial report to the Legislature by April 30, 2017. The task force was also required to submit a final report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Legislature by December 6, 2017. The task force met ten times and finalized its recommendations at the November 28 meeting. As part of its deliberations, the task force divided into small groups on prevention and harm reduction, treatment, and law enforcement.

The task force recognized that the final recommendations to address the opioid crisis needed to take an integrated and comprehensive approach. The recommendations are broken into three categories to reflect the work of the small groups and the approach of the Maine Opiate Collaborative. However, in developing the recommendations, the task force did not lose sight how the categories are interrelated.

The task force presents the following unanimous recommendations. The Executive branch participated in the task force by providing information and collaboration with members but did not take any positions on particular recommendations or carry over bills.

Prevention and Harm Reduction Recommendations

The task force considers prevention and harm reduction a critical piece of addressing the opioid crisis. It is more efficient to prevent problems before they begin. Harm reduction minimizes the negative impact of the problem.

1. Request by letter that Maine Department of Health and Human Services report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2018 on the dissemination of the updated SnuggleME curriculum and other evidence-based programs to providers and recommend expansion of Positive Parenting Program to parents and families who would benefit. (Appendix 8.)
2. Request by letter that medical provider organizations communicate the importance of counseling patients on the importance of and availability of Long Acting Reversible Contraception, including coverage under MaineCare. (Appendix 9.)

3. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs consider legislation directing the Department of Education to establish a work group to evaluate existing drug prevention programs targeting school-age children and how to incorporate those programs into educational curriculum. The work group should include the Maine Education Association, Maine School Management Association, Maine Principals Association, Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and representatives of law enforcement and organizations that promote and facilitate programs relating to a public health, drug prevention, and the welfare of children. (Appendix 10.)
4. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services consider legislation to report out a bill directing the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to update the statutes to reflect current terminology relating to substance use disorder. (Appendix 11.)
5. Promote programs that take back drugs, but do not create a consumer-borne cost for that program. Request by letter to Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to report by March 1, 2018 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety about the successes of the drug take back programs, publicity of the collection days, the use of alternative drug disposal options, such as Deterra, and encourage more placement of take-back units in appropriate law enforcement or other secure facilities. (Appendix 12.) Request by letter to the Maine Board of Pharmacy that it require pharmacies to place a notice in an obvious place informing patients about disposing excess medication. (Appendix 13.)

Treatment Recommendations

The task force spent a considerable amount of time considering treatment options because more than one person a day dies from an opioid overdose. Treatment is therefore critical to addressing the immediate needs of the crisis.

6. Request by letter to the Department of Health and Human Services to examine how the hub and spoke model in LD 1430 and other evidence-based treatments might build on the Opioid Health Home model under the current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services waiver. Fund Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment across the state, create integrated community-based relationships, and provide services of differing intensities depending on the stage of recovery and needs of the individual. (Appendix 15.)
7. Request by letter to the Department of Health and Human Services that it immediately increase access to treatment across the state, without regard to the ability to pay, including by funding uninsured slots, filling all available treatment slots for the uninsured. Request that the Department of Health and Human Services consider allowing minimum security offenders in custody or people in community release programs to access treatment slots for the uninsured. (Appendix 16.)
8. Increase access to treatment across the state by increasing access to health insurance coverage. Write a letter to Legislative Council to support the introduction of a bill

request dealing with assisting people with accessing health insurance in the Second Regular Session that is on appeal. (Appendix 17. This appeal to the Legislative Council was successful and the bill was approved for introduction.)

9. Request by letter to the congressional delegation, U.S. DHHS, SAMHSA, and CMS that the federal government amend 42 CFR Part 2 to allow for greater information sharing between providers regarding medication assisted treatment and treatment of substance use disorder. (Appendix 18.)
10. Support the development of recovery housing that meets the standards of the Maine Association of Recovery Residences to serve people in recovery, including those who are engaged in Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment. Request by letter that Maine State Housing Authority convene a work group to develop a certification process for recovery housing and investigate available funding resources and development opportunities and to report quarterly to the Joint Standing Committees on Labor, Commerce, Research, and Economic Development and Health and Human Services for one year, beginning March 1, 2018. The work group should include Maine's Department of Health and Human Services, Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Real Estate and Development Association, the Maine Association of Recovery Residences and representatives of treatment providers, housing services, affordable housing developers, the recovery community, and the homeless. (Appendix 19.)
11. Write a letter to Legislative Council to support the introduction of bill requests dealing with recovery housing in the Second Regular Session that are on appeal. (Appendix 17. The appeal to Legislative Council for LR 2744 was successful and the bill was approved for introduction. The appeal for LR 2521 was tabled.)
12. Request by letter to Maine Department of Health and Human Services that the Department evaluate the options for developing a database of available treatment services, including what information the database would contain, whether it could include real-time data and the usefulness of that data, how to accurately identify provider capacity and waitlists, how much it could cost and how it could be implemented and funded. The Department shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2018. (Appendix 20.)
13. Request by letter to the 2-1-1 program of United Way of Mid-Maine that they report by March 1, 2018 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding ongoing improvements to the 2-1-1 service in relation to substance use disorder, including the accuracy and ease of accessibility of the website and database, staff training, outreach to providers who are not licensed by the State, and plans for public awareness of 2-1-1 services, including alternative platforms to access information. (Appendix 21.)

Law Enforcement Recommendations

The intersection between the criminal justice system and mental health issues, substance use disorders or co-occurring disorders is well known. These recommendations address several aspects of the criminal justice system.

1. Develop and fund pre-charge diversion programs at the municipal, county, and state levels. The programs should be developed in consultation with prosecutors, law enforcement, and other stakeholders. The programs should minimize a person's contact with the criminal justice system by connecting them with treatment and recovery services, including case management, at the appropriate level based on an assessment process. Because implementing this recommendation requires the cooperation of the criminal justice and treatment communities, the Joint Standing Committees on Health and Human Services, Criminal Justice and Public Safety, and Judiciary should collaborate to develop the program.
2. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary report out legislation that develops additional drug courts or increases access to existing drug courts across the state.
3. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety report out legislation that develops and funds assessments and services in jails upon intake for mental health and substance use disorder, including Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment.
4. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety report out legislation that develops and funds assessment and services for people in jails and prisons for mental health and substance use disorder, including Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment and access to hub and spoke services in the community, for people serving their sentences.
5. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety report out legislation that develops and funds programs that prepare inmates for their release into the community, including connections with Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment and access to hub and spoke services in the community. These programs should include family members or other supportive people in the inmate's life in the program so that they can be natural supports during reintegration.
6. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety report out legislation that enacts an advisory board to advise the Department of Corrections and county or regional jails on the treatment programs and rehabilitation needs of the facility populations. The Board will evaluate on an ongoing basis existing services and evidence-based practices for managing the needs of offenders and pretrial defendants and recommend the implementation of appropriate programs. (Appendix 23.)

7. Write a letter to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs expressing support for Sections 1 and 4 of LD 1429, An Act Regarding the Epidemic of Opiate Abuse. (Appendix 24.)

Joint Study Order, To Establish the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine

ORDERED, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine, referred to in this order as "the task force," is established as follows.

1. Purpose. It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that all residents of the State have access to and coverage for affordable, quality health care. It is the intent of the Legislature to study the design and implementation of options for a health care plan that provides coverage for all residents of the State; and be it further

2. Appointments; composition. The task force consists of members appointed as follows:

A. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2 members of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Senate and 2 members of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Senate, of whom at least one member is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and at least one member is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

B. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including 2 members of the party holding the largest number of seats in the House of Representatives and 2 members of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the House of Representatives, of whom at least 3 members are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services or the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

C. One member representing the interests of hospitals, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One member representing the interests of health care providers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

E. Two members representing the interests of health insurance carriers, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

F. Two members representing the interests of consumers, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

G. One member representing the interests of employers with fewer than 50 employees, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

H. One member representing the interests of the employers with 50 or more employees, appointed by the President of the Senate.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall invite to participate as members of the task force the Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee and the Superintendent of Insurance or the superintendent's designee.

3. Chairs. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the task force, and the first-named member of the House of Representatives is the House chair of the task force. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the chairs may appoint, as nonvoting members, individuals with expertise in health care policy, health care

financing or health care delivery. Any additional members appointed pursuant to this section are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement under section 6.

4. Appointments; convening. All appointments must be made no later than 15 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the task force shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 15 days or more after the passage of this order a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

5. Duties; design options. The task force shall propose at least 3 design options, including implementation plans, for creating a system of health care that ensures all residents of the State have access to and coverage for affordable, quality health care. The design options must meet the principles and goals outlined in this order. The proposals designed under this order must contain the analysis and recommendations as provided for in this section.

A. The proposal must include the following design options:

- (1) A design for a government-administered and publicly financed universal payer health benefits system that is decoupled from employment, that prohibits insurance coverage for the health services provided by the system and that allows for private insurance coverage of only supplemental health services;
- (2) A design for a universal health benefits system with integrated delivery of health care and integrated payment systems for all individuals that is centrally administered by State Government or an entity under contract with State Government; and
- (3) A design for a public health benefits option administered by State Government or an entity under contract with State Government that allows individuals to choose between the public option and private insurance coverage and allows for fair and robust competition among public and private plans.

Additional options may be designed by the task force, taking into consideration the parameters described in this section.

Each design option must include sufficient detail to allow the task force to report back to the Legislature to enable the Legislature to consider the adoption of one design and to determine an implementation plan for that design during the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, including the submission of any necessary waivers pursuant to federal law.

B. In creating the design options under paragraph A, the task force shall review and consider the following fundamental elements:

- (1) The findings and reports from previous studies of health care reform in the State, including the December 2002 document titled "Feasibility of a Single-Payer Health Care Model for the State of Maine" produced by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., and studies and reports provided to the Legislature;
- (2) The State's current health care reform efforts;

(3) The health care reform efforts in other states, including any efforts in other states to develop state innovation waivers for universal health coverage plans as an alternative to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

(4) The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or any other successor federal legislation; the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; and the Medicare program, the Medicaid program and the State Children's Health Insurance Program under Titles XVIII, XIX and XXI, respectively, of the federal Social Security Act; and

(5) The health care systems adopted in other countries.

C. Each design option under paragraph A must maximize federal funds to support the system and must be composed of the following components:

(1) A payment system for health services that includes one or more packages of health services providing for the integration of physical and mental health services; budgets, payment methods and a process for determining payment amounts; and mechanisms for cost reduction and cost containment;

(2) Coordinated regional delivery systems;

(3) Health system planning and regulation and public health;

(4) Financing and estimated costs, including federal financing. Each design option must provide:

(a) An estimate of the total costs of the design option, including any additional costs for providing access to and coverage for health services to the uninsured and underinsured, any estimated costs necessary to build a new system and any estimated savings from implementing a single system;

(b) Financing proposals for sustainable revenue, including by maximization of federal revenues or by reductions from existing health care programs, services, state agencies or other sources necessary for funding the cost of the new system;

(c) A proposal to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to waive provisions of Titles XVIII, XIX and XXI of the federal Social Security Act, if necessary, to align the federal programs with the proposals contained within the design option in order to maximize federal funds or to promote the simplification of administration, cost containment or promotion of health care reform initiatives; and

(d) A proposal to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to waive provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, if necessary, to implement the proposals contained within the design option in order to maximize federal funds;

(5) A method to address compliance of the proposed design option with federal law. Unless specifically authorized by federal law, the proposed design option must provide coverage supplemental to coverage available under the Medicare program of the federal Social Security Act, Title XVIII and the federal TRICARE program, 10 United States Code, Chapter 55;

(6) A benefit package or packages of health services that meet the requirements of state and federal law and provide for the integration of physical and mental health care, including access to and coverage for primary care, preventive care and wellness services; specialty care; chronic care and

chronic disease management; acute episodic care; palliative and end-of-life care; hospital services; prescription drugs and durable medical equipment; maternity, newborn and pediatric care; laboratory services; mental health and substance use disorder services; and dental, vision and health care;

(7) A method for administering payment for health services, which may include administration by a government agency, under an open bidding process soliciting bids from insurance carriers or 3rd-party administrators, through a private nonprofit insurer or 3rd-party administrator, through private insurers or from a combination of methods;

(8) Enrollment processes;

(9) Integration of pharmacy best practices and cost control programs and other mechanisms to promote evidence-based prescribing, clinical efficacy and cost containment, such as a single statewide preferred drug list, prescriber education and utilization reviews;

(10) Appeals processes for decisions made by entities or agencies administering coverage for health services;

(11) Integration of the workers' compensation system;

(12) A recommendation for budgets and payment methods and a process for determining payment amounts. Payment methods for mental health services must be consistent with mental health parity. The design option must consider:

(a) Recommending a global health care budget when it is appropriate to ensure cost containment by a health care facility, a health care provider, a group of health care professionals or any combination of these entities. Any recommendation must include a process for developing a global health care budget, including circumstances under which an entity may seek an amendment of its budget;

(b) Payment methods to be used for each health care sector that are aligned with the goals of this section and provide for cost containment, provision of high-quality, evidence-based health services in a coordinated setting, patient self-management and healthy lifestyles; and

(c) What process or processes are appropriate for determining payment amounts with the intent to ensure reasonable payments to health care professionals and providers and to eliminate the shift of costs between the payers of health services by ensuring that the amount paid to health care professionals and providers is sufficient. Payment amounts must be sufficient to provide reasonable access to health services, provide uniform payments to health care professionals and assist in creating financial stability for health care professionals. Payment amounts for mental health services must be consistent with mental health parity;

(13) Mechanisms for cost reduction and cost containment and for oversight to ensure accountability and transparency of all financial transactions;

(14) A regional health system that ensures that the delivery of health services to the residents of the State is coordinated in order to improve health outcomes, improve the efficiency of the health system and improve patients' experiences of health services; and

(15) An overall approach to funding that is broadly based to ensure financial stability.

D. The proposal must include a method to address compliance of the proposed design options under

paragraph A with federal law, if necessary, including the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or any other successor federal legislation; the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; and Titles XVIII, XIX and XXI of the federal Social Security Act.

E. The proposal must include an analysis of:

- (1) The impact of each design option on the State's current private and public insurance system;
- (2) The expected net fiscal impact of each design option;
- (3) The impact of each design option on the State's economy;
- (4) The benefits and drawbacks of alternative timing for the implementation of each design option, including the sequence and rationale for the phasing in of the major components; and
- (5) The benefits and drawbacks of each design option and of not changing the current system.

6. Compensation. The legislative members of the task force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force.

7. Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the voting members of the task force, including those members invited to participate who have accepted the invitation to participate.

8. Staffing. The Legislative Council shall provide staff support for the task force. To the extent needed when the Legislature is in session, the Legislative Council may contract for such staff support if sufficient funding is available.

9. Consultants; additional staff assistance. The task force may solicit the services of one or more outside consultants to assist the task force to the extent resources are available. Upon request, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance and the University of Maine System shall provide any additional staffing assistance to the task force to ensure the task force and its consultant or consultants have the information necessary to create the design options required by this order.

10. Reports. The task force may submit an initial report, including suggested legislation, prior to January 1, 2018. No later than November 1, 2018, the task force shall submit a final report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for introduction to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

11. Outside funding. The task force shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this order, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed.

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