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L.D. 1004

Date: 4/7/26

REPORT A

(Filing No. H-990)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 651, L.D. 1004, "An Act to Ensure the Proper Operation of the State"

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

'An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Held by the Governor That Became Law'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

PART A

Sec. A-1. 10 MRSA §31, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 500, §2, is amended to read:

4. Report. The council shall submit a report to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters by February 1, 2026 2027 and annually thereafter regarding the activities of the council during the preceding calendar year. The report must include recommendations as determined appropriate by the council to effectuate its purpose under this section. After reviewing the report under this subsection, the joint standing committee may report out legislation relating to the report.

PART B

Sec. B-1. PL 2025, c. 508, §2, last ¶ is amended to read:

No later than January 1, 2026 2027, the University of Maine System shall submit a report to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary~~ joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and judiciary matters outlining its plan for implementation of the rural practice track at the University of Maine School of Law, including any recommendations for legislative or other action. After reviewing the report,

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1 either committee may report out legislation related to the report to the ~~Second Regular~~  
2 ~~Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd Legislature in 2027.

3 **PART C**

4 **Sec. C-1. 25 MRSA §2808-B, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 510, §3, is  
5 amended to read:

6 **1. Publishing of policies and procedures.** Except as provided by subsection 4, by  
7 January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, a law enforcement agency shall publish and make publicly available  
8 in clear and understandable language the agency's policies and procedures required under  
9 section 2803-B, including:

- 10 A. A summary of each key policy of the agency;
- 11 B. A comprehensive list of agency rules and guidelines governing law enforcement  
12 officer conduct, including any updates or revisions; and
- 13 C. Contact information for a member of the public to request access to information  
14 under paragraph A or B.

15 **PART D**

16 **Sec. D-1. PL 2025, c. 512, §3** is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 3. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of**  
18 **Cannabis Policy; medical cannabis research grant program rulemaking.** On or  
19 before January 9, ~~2026~~ 8, 2027, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,  
20 Office of Cannabis Policy shall provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules  
21 necessary to implement the medical cannabis research grant program in accordance with  
22 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430, subsection 5. Rules adopted by the  
23 office pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
24 subchapter 2-A.

25 **PART E**

26 **Sec. E-1. 32 MRSA §99, sub-§10, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 520, §3, is  
27 amended to read:

28 B. Submit a report containing the results of the commission's studies, findings and  
29 recommendations to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the  
30 Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters by January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 and  
31 annually thereafter. As resources permit, the report must include, but is not limited to:

- 32 (1) An assessment of existing and needed resources and expected resource needs  
33 within the State's emergency medical services system and recommendations for  
34 funding those needs;
- 35 (2) An evaluation of existing emergency medical services programs, initiatives  
36 and resources, including recommendations for improvements, new programs and  
37 initiatives and funding options for oversight and administration of the State's  
38 emergency medical services system;
- 39 (3) Recommendations regarding effective management of resources within the  
40 State's emergency medical services system, enhancing the collection and  
41 distribution of emergency medical services data, methods to evaluate the State's

1 emergency medical services system and recruitment and retention of emergency  
 2 medical services persons, both paid and volunteer; and

3 (4) The status of municipal emergency medical services plans adopted and  
 4 submitted pursuant to Title 30-A, section 3172 and an analysis of those plans.

5 After reviewing the report submitted under this paragraph, the committee may report  
 6 out legislation relating to the report;

7 **Sec. E-2. PL 2025, c. 520, §5, last ¶** is amended to read:

8 On or before December 3, ~~2025~~ 15, 2026, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall  
 9 submit a report describing the findings of its analysis and including recommendations and  
 10 any proposed legislation to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public~~  
 11 ~~Safety~~ joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety  
 12 matters. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the  
 13 report to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd Legislature in 2027.

14 **Sec. E-3. PL 2025, c. 520, §6** is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 6. Maine Emergency Medical Services structural reorganization**  
 16 **proposal.** By December 3, ~~2025~~ 15, 2026, the Department of Public Safety, Maine  
 17 Emergency Medical Services shall submit to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Criminal~~  
 18 ~~Justice and Public Safety~~ joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
 19 over public safety matters a report, including proposed draft legislation, for the  
 20 reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services' Board, established in the Maine  
 21 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 15, consistent with the document  
 22 titled "Maine EMS: Two-Year Action Plan" published by Maine Emergency Medical  
 23 Services on October 27, 2023. The report must include, but is not limited to, identification  
 24 of the necessary statutory changes and funding needs associated with the reorganization of  
 25 the Emergency Medical Services' Board and any associated structural and organizational  
 26 changes within Maine Emergency Medical Services and within the state and regional  
 27 governance system for the emergency medical services program, as outlined in the  
 28 document titled "Maine EMS: Two-Year Action Plan." After reviewing the report, the  
 29 committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the ~~Second Regular Session~~  
 30 ~~of the 132nd~~ 133rd Legislature in 2027.

31 **Sec. E-4. PL 2025, c. 520, §7** is amended to read:

32 **Sec. 7. Maine Emergency Medical Services public information campaign;**  
 33 **report.** The Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall, as  
 34 resources allow, develop and, not later than July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, implement a public  
 35 information campaign designed to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of  
 36 the delivery of emergency medical services, the design and funding of the emergency  
 37 medical services system in the State and the essentiality of the services provided by  
 38 emergency medical services entities.

39 On or before December 3, ~~2025~~ 15, 2026, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall  
 40 submit a report to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety~~ joint  
 41 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters  
 42 regarding its development and anticipated implementation of the public information  
 43 campaign required under this section. The report must include, but is not limited to, an

1 assessment of the resource needs associated with the public information campaign and  
 2 identification of any anticipated resource needs not currently available within the existing  
 3 budgeted resources of Maine Emergency Medical Services necessary for successful  
 4 implementation of the campaign. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out  
 5 legislation relating to the report to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd  
 6 Legislature in 2027.

## 7 PART F

8 **Sec. F-1. 22 MRSA §8111**, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 522, §1, is amended to read:

### 9 §8111. Closure notice requirements for children's residential care facilities

10 After October 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the department shall notify the joint standing committee  
 11 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters whenever a  
 12 children's residential care facility ceases to operate no later than 2 weeks after the facility  
 13 has ceased operations. The notification to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
 14 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters must include information about  
 15 the facility, including but not limited to the name of the facility, the services provided, the  
 16 number of beds, the number of employees, the stated reasons for closure and a de-identified  
 17 summary of the transition and discharge plan for the children who were in the facility at  
 18 the time of closure. The notification must also include a description of any actions taken  
 19 by the department to prevent the closure.

20 **Sec. F-2. PL 2025, c. 522, §3** is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 3. Provider engagement and needs assessment.** The Department of Health  
 22 and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group of child residential treatment  
 23 providers to identify the short-term and long-term staffing and resources needs to ensure  
 24 the sustainability of child residential treatment providers. The department shall submit a  
 25 report, no later than ~~December 3, 2025~~ January 15, 2027, to the joint standing committee  
 26 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with its  
 27 findings, a needs assessment and recommendations. The joint standing committee of the  
 28 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to  
 29 report out legislation related to the report to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd  
 30 Legislature in 2027.

31 **Sec. F-3. PL 2025, c. 522, §5, first ¶** is amended to read:

32 **Sec. 5. Children's behavioral health services data and policy report.** The  
 33 Department of Health and Human Services shall develop and submit a report, no later than  
 34 ~~December 3, 2025~~ January 15, 2027, to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Health and~~  
 35 ~~Human Services~~ joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health  
 36 and human services matters that includes data and policy efforts as follows:

## 37 PART G

38 **Sec. G-1. 36 MRSA §1482, sub-§1, ¶C-1**, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 523, §2 and  
 39 affected by §3, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

40 (4) Annually, beginning in ~~2026~~ 2027, by September 15th, the assessor shall  
 41 multiply the cost-of-living adjustment for taxable years beginning in the  
 42 succeeding calendar year by the amounts in subparagraph (1). For purposes of this

1 subparagraph, "cost-of-living adjustment" means the Chained Consumer Price  
 2 Index, as defined in section 5402, subsection 1, for the 12-month period ending  
 3 June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained Consumer Price  
 4 Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026. The result must be  
 5 rounded to the nearest integer. If the cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar  
 6 year would be less than the cost-of-living adjustment for the preceding calendar  
 7 year, the cost-of-living adjustment is the same as for the preceding calendar year.

8 **Sec. G-2. PL 2025, c. 523, §3** is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027.

10 **PART H**

11 **Sec. H-1. 20-A MRSA §6304-A**, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 529, §1, is amended to  
 12 read:

13 **§6304-A. Policy for access to automated external defibrillators**

14 Beginning in the ~~2026-2027~~ 2027-2028 school year, a school administrative unit shall  
 15 develop and implement a policy that provides access to automated external defibrillators at  
 16 all school-sponsored athletic events in which students are participating on school property,  
 17 including team practices. The policy must include how a person can access an automated  
 18 external defibrillator while attending a school-sponsored athletic event. An automated  
 19 external defibrillator acquired by a school administrative unit pursuant to this section must  
 20 be tested and maintained according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines.  
 21 Appropriate first aid, ambulance, rescue service or other appropriate local emergency  
 22 medical service providers must be notified of the location and type of automated external  
 23 defibrillator acquired.

24 **PART I**

25 **Sec. I-1. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 536, §2, is amended to  
 26 read:

27 **6. Tick laboratory lottery game.** No later than July 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, the commission,  
 28 in consultation with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, shall develop and  
 29 initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game designed to raise funds for the University of  
 30 Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund established in Title 7,  
 31 section 2481. Tickets for the instant lottery game established under this subsection must  
 32 be sold for \$4 and must be changed by the commission periodically throughout the year.  
 33 The commission shall annually provide 20% of the net proceeds of the lottery game  
 34 established in accordance with this subsection to the University of Maine Cooperative  
 35 Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund and 80% to the General Fund.

36 **Sec. I-2. PL 2025, c. 536, §6** is amended to read:

37 **Sec. 6. Report.** By December 15, ~~2028~~ 2029, the State Liquor and Lottery  
 38 Commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
 39 jurisdiction over lottery matters detailing the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery  
 40 game established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 374, subsection  
 41 6, including revenues received by the General Fund and the University of Maine  
 42 Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory Operations Fund established in Title 7, section

1 2481. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery  
 2 matters may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the  
 3 134th Legislature in 2029.

4 **PART J**

5 **Sec. J-1. Resolve 2025, c. 119, §1** is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1. Child assertive community treatment team. Resolved:** That, by March  
 7 1, ~~2026~~ 2027, the Department of Health and Human Services shall issue a request for  
 8 applications for a grant to establish a pilot program to develop one child assertive  
 9 community treatment team to serve the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. The request  
 10 for applications must require the awardee of the grant to use workforce incentives designed  
 11 to attract, train and retain child assertive community treatment staff. The department shall  
 12 engage in a competitive process to determine the awardee. The term of the contract may  
 13 not exceed 2 years.

14 **PART K**

15 **Sec. K-1. Resolve 2025, c. 121, §1** is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 1. Maine Arts Commission study. Resolved:** That the Maine Arts  
 17 Commission shall study federal and national efforts to protect artists from copyright  
 18 infringement by businesses and others promoting, creating, disseminating or using artificial  
 19 intelligence software applications and federal and national efforts to monitor the  
 20 educational use of copyrighted work. The commission shall consult with the Office of the  
 21 Attorney General on the subject of the study. In its study, the commission may consider  
 22 any relevant work of or obtain information from the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council,  
 23 the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts and the  
 24 American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, as well as any other similar  
 25 organizations. The commission may also consider the proposed federal No Fakes Act of  
 26 2024, the proposed federal No AI FRAUD Act and Tennessee's Ensuring Likeness, Voice,  
 27 and Image Security Act of 2024, as well as other relevant law or case law, including *Waits*  
 28 *v. Frito-Lay, Inc.*, 978 F.2d 1093 (9th Cir. 1992) and *Midler v. Ford Motor Co.*, 849 F.2d  
 29 460 (9th Cir. 1988). The commission shall report its findings, including any suggested  
 30 legislation, to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs~~ joint  
 31 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural  
 32 affairs by ~~December 3, 2025~~ January 15, 2027. The joint standing committee may report  
 33 out a bill to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd Legislature in 2027 based on  
 34 the report.

35 **PART L**

36 **Sec. L-1. Resolve 2025, c. 122, §2** is amended to read:

37 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 15, ~~2026~~ 2027, the Department of  
 38 Education shall submit a report based on the data collected in section 1 to the ~~Joint Standing~~  
 39 ~~Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs~~ joint standing committee of the Legislature  
 40 having jurisdiction over education matters. The committee is authorized to submit  
 41 legislation related to the report to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd  
 42 Legislature in 2027.

43 **PART M**



1 The report must also include information about the impacts that abbreviated school day  
 2 placements may have on school funding and on student outcomes. The ~~Joint Standing~~  
 3 ~~Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs~~ joint standing committee may report out a  
 4 bill based on the report to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd Legislature in  
 5 2027.

6 **PART Q**

7 **Sec. Q-1. Resolve 2025, c. 128, §4** is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the council shall submit a report, no later than  
 9 January 31, ~~2026~~ 2027, that includes a summary of the findings of the work group along  
 10 with recommendations and any suggested legislation to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on~~  
 11 ~~Health and Human Services~~ joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
 12 over health and human services matters. The committee shall review the findings and  
 13 recommendations of the report and may report out legislation to implement  
 14 recommendations related to the report in the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd  
 15 Legislature in 2027.

16 **PART R**

17 **Sec. R-1. Resolve 2025, c. 130, §1** is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 1. Department of Corrections to study achieving gender equality.**  
 19 **Resolved:** That the Department of Corrections shall study the extent of gender inequality  
 20 present in the programs, services, facilities and policies administered or overseen by the  
 21 department and shall report its findings to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Criminal~~  
 22 ~~Justice and Public Safety~~ joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
 23 over criminal justice and public safety matters by ~~December 3, 2025~~ January 15, 2027. The  
 24 report must include potential solutions for eliminating gender inequality in those areas,  
 25 including, but not limited to, the construction or redesignation of current facilities and the  
 26 reallocation of resources, programs and opportunities. The joint standing committee may  
 27 report out a bill to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd Legislature in 2027  
 28 based on the report.

29 **PART S**

30 **Sec. S-1. Resolve 2025, c. 131, §1, first ¶** is amended to read:

31 **Sec. 1. Data related to renewable energy construction projects. Resolved:**  
 32 That the ~~Governor's Energy Office~~ Department of Energy Resources, referred to in this  
 33 resolve as "the ~~office~~ department," shall coordinate with state agencies that permit, regulate  
 34 or provide state assistance to renewable energy construction projects, including, but not  
 35 limited to, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Labor, the  
 36 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Public Utilities  
 37 Commission, to evaluate how to display and maintain data regarding renewable energy  
 38 construction projects in an efficient, meaningful and publicly accessible manner for the  
 39 purposes of identifying renewable energy trends in this State, including through the  
 40 development of a database. For the purposes of this resolve, "renewable energy  
 41 construction project" or "project" means a source of electrical generation that has a  
 42 nameplate capacity of 500 kilowatts or more and relies on a source of generation described  
 43 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C,

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subparagraph (2). The evaluation must provide a method to make the data publicly available and, to the extent practicable, a method for obtaining information from renewable energy construction project developers, including, but not limited to:

**Sec. S-2. Resolve 2025, c. 131, §2, first ¶** is amended to read:

**Sec. 2. Evaluation criteria. Resolved:** That the ~~office's~~ department's evaluation required under section 1 must consider:

**Sec. S-3. Resolve 2025, c. 131, §2, sub-§7** is amended to read:

7. Whether and through what mechanism the ~~office~~ department may or could be given the authority to require the provision of timely and accurate information by project developers or owners;

**Sec. S-4. Resolve 2025, c. 131, §2, sub-§8** is amended to read:

8. Whether additional staff or financial resources may be necessary to develop and maintain the data under section 1 or if it is feasible to maintain this data within existing resources of the ~~office~~ department; and

**Sec. S-5. Resolve 2025, c. 131, §3** is amended to read:

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the ~~office~~ department, in consultation with the state agencies listed in section 1, shall submit a report on the evaluation under this resolve to the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology~~ joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters by February 1, ~~2026~~ 2027. The report must contain recommendations related to how to display and maintain data regarding renewable energy construction projects in an efficient, meaningful and publicly accessible manner for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends in this State. The committee may report out a bill to the ~~Second Regular Session of the 132nd~~ 133rd Legislature in 2027 based on the report.

**PART T**

**Sec. T-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

**Arts - Administration 0178**

Initiative: Appropriates funding for a consultant to research and analyze the impact of unauthorized usage by artificial intelligence on an artist's work as required by Resolve 2025, chapter 121.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$25,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$25,000

**ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
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1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
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3	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
4	<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
5	<b>Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082</b>		
6	Initiative: Appropriates funding to support the working group established by Resolve 2025,		
7	chapter 125 to develop recommendations on increasing accessibility to personal finance		
8	education to students of all grade levels in the State.		
9	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
10	All Other	\$0	\$5,000
11			
12	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
13	<b>Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394</b>		
14	Initiative: Appropriates funding to contract for staffing services to perform a review of		
15	teacher mentoring programs in public schools and to prepare a report as required by		
16	Resolve 2025, chapter 124.		
17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
18	All Other	\$0	\$15,000
19			
20	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
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22	<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
23	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
24			
25	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
26			
27	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
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29	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
30			
31	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
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33	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

35 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
36 number to read consecutively.

37 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which  
39 is a concept draft, and changes the title. Upon the adjournment sine die of the First Special  
40 Session of the 132nd Legislature on June 25, 2025, the Governor remained in possession  
41 of certain legislation finally enacted or passed by the Legislature and presented to the

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1 Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of such legislation  
2 not signed by the Governor was determined in January 2026 during the Second Regular  
3 Session of the 132nd Legislature. This amendment updates, as necessary, certain dates for  
4 implementation or reporting contained in such legislation held by the Governor that became  
5 law in January 2026, as described below.

6 1. Part A amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 500 governing the  
7 activities of the Maine-Aomori Sister-state Advisory Council to provide that the first  
8 annual report of that council to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the  
9 Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters is due by February 1,  
10 2027, instead of by February 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

11 2. Part B amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 508 requiring the  
12 University of Maine System to report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature  
13 having jurisdiction over education matters and judiciary matters regarding the  
14 establishment and implementation of a rural practice track at the University of Maine  
15 School of Law. The amendment provides that this report must be submitted no later than  
16 January 1, 2027, instead of no later than January 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

17 3. Part C amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 510 governing the  
18 accessibility of law enforcement agency policies and procedures to provide that a law  
19 enforcement agency must publish and make publicly available its policies and procedures  
20 by January 1, 2027, instead of by January 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

21 4. Part D amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 512 requiring the  
22 Department of Administrative Services, Office of Cannabis Policy to provisionally adopt  
23 and submit for legislative review rules necessary to implement a medical cannabis research  
24 grant program. The amendment provides that those rules must be submitted for legislative  
25 review on or before January 8, 2027, instead of on or before January 9, 2026 as is currently  
26 provided in law.

27 5. Part E amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 520 as follows.

28 A. It amends the provision of law governing the activities of the Maine Emergency  
29 Medical Services Commission to provide that the first annual report of the commission  
30 to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
31 over public safety matters is due by January 1, 2027, instead of by January 1, 2026 as  
32 is currently provided in law.

33 B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public  
34 Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to conduct a funding needs analysis of  
35 communities seeking to engage in regional collaboration or the adoption of a regional  
36 model in the delivery of emergency medical services. The amendment provides that  
37 the report regarding that funding needs analysis must be submitted to the joint standing  
38 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters on or before  
39 December 15, 2026, instead of on or before December 3, 2025 as is currently provided  
40 in law.

41 C. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public  
42 Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to submit to the joint standing committee  
43 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters a report, including  
44 proposed draft legislation, for the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services'

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1 Board. The amendment provides that this report must be submitted by December 15,  
2 2026, instead of by December 3, 2025 as is currently provided in law.

3 D. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public  
4 Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to implement a public information  
5 campaign regarding emergency medical services and to submit a report to the joint  
6 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public safety matters  
7 prior to the initiation of the campaign regarding resource needs for the campaign. The  
8 amendment provides that this report must be submitted by December 15, 2026, instead  
9 of by December 3, 2025 as is currently provided in law, and that the public information  
10 campaign must be implemented by July 1, 2027, instead of by July 1, 2026 as is  
11 currently provided in law.

12 6. Part F amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 522 as follows.

13 A. It amends the provision of law requiring the Department of Health and Human  
14 Services, after October 1, 2025, to notify the joint standing committee of the  
15 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters whenever a  
16 children's residential care facility ceases operations. The amendment changes the start  
17 date for this notification requirement to October 1, 2026.

18 B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Health and  
19 Human Services to convene a child residential treatment provider stakeholder group  
20 and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
21 jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The amendment changes the date  
22 that report is due from no later than December 3, 2025 to no later than January 15,  
23 2027.

24 C. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Health and  
25 Human Services to develop and submit to the joint standing committee of the  
26 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters a report  
27 regarding children's behavioral health services data. The amendment changes the date  
28 that report is due from no later than December 3, 2025 to no later than January 15,  
29 2027.

30 7. Part G amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 523 as follows.

31 A. It amends the provision of law governing the first annual date by which the State  
32 Tax Assessor is required to multiply the cost-of-living adjustment for taxable years  
33 beginning in the succeeding calendar year by an excise tax amount specific to the size  
34 of a camper trailer as described in this law. The amendment changes the first annual  
35 date by which the assessor is required to make the prescribed calculations to September  
36 15, 2027, instead of September 15, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

37 B. It amends the provision of law establishing a definition for "cost-of-living  
38 adjustment." The amendment clarifies that the first applicable preceding calendar year  
39 used in the definition established for "cost-of-living adjustment" is the 12-month period  
40 ending June 30, 2026, instead of June 30, 2025 as is currently provided in law.

41 C. It amends the date by which the public law takes effect. The amendment changes  
42 the effective date to January 1, 2027 from January 1, 2026 as is currently provided in  
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8. Part H amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 529 requiring school administrative units, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, to develop and implement a policy regarding access to automated external defibrillators at school-sponsored athletic events. The amendment provides that this requirement begins with the 2027-2028 school year instead.

9. Part I amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 536 as follows.

A. It amends the provision of law requiring the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to develop and initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game. The amendment requires that lottery game to be initiated no later than July 1, 2027, instead of no later than July 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over lottery matters regarding the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery game. The amendment provides that this report is due by December 15, 2029, instead of by December 15, 2028 as is currently provided in law.

10. Part J amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 119 governing the date by which the Department of Health and Human Services is required to issue a request for applications for a grant to establish a pilot program to develop one child assertive community treatment team to serve the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. The amendment changes that date to March 1, 2027, instead of March 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

11. Part K amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 121 governing the activities of the Maine Arts Commission to require that the commission report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 15, 2027, instead of December 3, 2025 as is currently provided in law.

12. Part L amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 122 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on data collected by the department on the number of mathematics classes required for a high school diploma at secondary schools in the State. The amendment changes the date that the report is due to January 15, 2027, instead of January 15, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

13. Part M amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 124 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on its review of teacher mentoring programs in public schools in the State. The amendment changes the date that the report is due to February 15, 2027, instead of February 15, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

14. Part N amends Resolve 2025, chapter 125 as follows.

A. It amends the provision of law governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the results of a survey sent to all school administrative units in the State to collect data and information on the status of personal finance education in schools. The amendment changes the date that

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the report is due to January 15, 2027, instead of January 15, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

B. It amends the provision of law providing that the Department of Education is required to convene a working group of relevant stakeholders to develop recommendations on increasing accessibility to personal finance education to students in the State of all grade levels. The amendment changes the date that the working group must be convened to January 2027, instead of January 2026 as is currently provided in law.

C. It amends the provision of law governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the findings and recommendations of the working group. The amendment changes the date that the report is due to March 1, 2027, instead of March 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

15. Part O amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 126 governing the distribution by the Department of Education of best practices for training in de-escalation and behavior intervention to all school administrative units developed pursuant to the resolve. The amendment changes the date by which those best practices must be distributed to September 1, 2027, instead of September 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

16. Part P amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 127 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report on abbreviated school day placements to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The amendment changes the date that report is due to February 1, 2027, instead of February 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

17. Part Q amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 128 governing the date by which the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is required to submit a report of the work group established in the resolve to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The amendment changes the date by which that report is due to January 31, 2027, instead of January 31, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

18. Part R amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 130 governing the date by which the Department of Corrections is required to report its findings related to the study required in the resolve on the extent of gender inequality present in the programs, services, facilities and policies administered or overseen by the department to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The amendment changes the date that report is due to January 15, 2027, instead of December 3, 2025 as is currently provided in law.

19. Part S amends Resolve 2025, chapter 131 as follows.

A. It updates references to the former Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources, pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 476.

B. It amends the date by which the Department of Energy Resources is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters on the evaluation required in this resolve.

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The amendment changes the date that report is due to February 1, 2027, instead of February 1, 2026 as is currently provided in law.

20. Part T adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1004

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**An Act to Ensure the Proper Operation of the State**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H 990)**  
**Committee: State and Local Government**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

## Fiscal Note

Funding re-appropriated to address timing mismatch

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill updates certain dates for implementation or reporting contained in legislation that became law in January 2026. In particular, the bill updates three resolves pertaining to the Maine Arts Commission and Maine Department of Education which appropriated funding to these agencies in fiscal year 2025-26. However, because these resolves became law on January 11, 2026, they will become effective 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, anticipated in July 2026 (or fiscal year 2026-27). Therefore, the agencies will not receive the funding appropriated to them in fiscal year 2025-26. In order to provide the necessary funding for the agencies to complete the requirements of the resolves, the bill appropriates the same amount of funding in fiscal year 2026-27. The funding appropriated in fiscal year 2025-26 is expected to lapse into the unbudgeted surplus of the General Fund. The agencies will only receive the funding once, in fiscal year 2026-27.