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have an airport security program, "air operations area" means those portions of the public-use airport that, as determined by the department, are substantially similar to those portions of an airport described in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, including aircraft movement areas, aircraft parking areas, loading ramps and safety areas for use by aircraft and any adjacent areas not separated by adequate security systems, measures or procedures.

B. "Airport security program" means a security program approved by the United States Transportation Services Administration under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1542.101.

C. "Public-use airport" has the same meaning as in 49 United States Code, Section 47102(22).

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 330
H.P. 575 - L.D. 889**

An Act to Clarify the Release of Information by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Law Regarding Automatic Referrals

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, individuals who are eligible to enroll in certain state programs will be referred to other programs for which they are eligible through an automatic referral project created by Public Law 2023, chapter 412; and

Whereas, individuals must be able to opt out of information sharing, and establishing that ability requires a statutory change; and

Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services and other state agencies, quasi-state agencies and other entities are currently developing and implementing the project, and this legislation must take effect immediately to avoid any delays; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3110, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. VV, §1, is amended to read:

2. Authorization required. Before providing any information pursuant to this section, the department must receive ~~express~~ authorization from the recipient of assistance agreeing to the release of that information in accordance with ~~federal and state law~~ this section. The department shall develop a simplified process to give the recipient of assistance the choice to opt out of authorizing ~~the~~ a release of information pursuant to this section at the time of application or recertification for assistance under this subtitle or at another time of the individual's choice.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 2025.

**CHAPTER 331
H.P. 1137 - L.D. 1702**

An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, many municipalities in the State will hold elections in June; and

Whereas, this legislation makes changes to polling place restrictions on candidates, and those changes need to be in place prior to those elections; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Definition. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "candidate" has the same meaning as in section 1, subsection 5 and includes a write-in candidate, as defined in section 1, subsection 51. "Candidate" includes a candidate of any party designation and a candidate that is not enrolled in a political party.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2023, c. 109, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Influence prohibited. On public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not:

A. Influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office that is on the ballot for the election that day, whether or not the candidate's name is on the ballot, or a question that is on the ballot for the election that day; or

B. Attempt to influence another person's decision regarding a candidate for an office that is on the ballot for the election that day, whether or not the candidate's name is on the ballot, or a question that is on the ballot for the election that day.

These limitations do not prohibit a candidate, or no more than one representative of a candidate, from greeting a voter if the candidate or representative of the candidate does not state the name of the office that the candidate is seeking in that election year or wear any button, name tag, apparel or label or have or use any item or sign displaying the candidate's name or the name of the office the candidate is seeking, engage in the conduct described in subsection 7 or otherwise express support for or opposition to a party, a candidate or a ballot question.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Other political activities prohibited by candidates; collection of signatures; funding. On public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a candidate or a representative of a candidate may not:

A. Collect or solicit voter signatures on a petition in support of the candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year;

B. Collect or solicit contributions in support of the candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year. For the purposes of this paragraph, "contribution" has the same meaning as in section 1012, subsection 2; or

C. Collect or solicit qualifying contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act in support of the participating candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year. For the purposes of this paragraph, "participating candidate" has the same meaning as in section 1122, subsection 6 and "qualifying contribution" has the same meaning as in section 1122, subsection 7.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 2025.

**CHAPTER 332
H.P. 48 - L.D. 84**

**An Act to Improve the
Coordination of Health Care
for Minors in State Care**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶U, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §4, is further amended to read:

U. To a panel coordinator of the maternal, fetal and infant mortality review panel pursuant to section 261, subsection 4, paragraph B-1 for the purposes of reviewing health care information of a deceased person and a mother of a child who died within one year of birth, including fetal deaths after 28 weeks of gestation. For purposes of this paragraph, "panel coordinator" has the same meaning as in section 261, subsection 1, paragraph E and "deceased person" has the same meaning as in section 261, subsection 1, paragraph B; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶V, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. MMMM, §5, is amended to read:

V. To a panel coordinator of the Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel pursuant to section 264, subsection 5, paragraph B, subparagraph (4) for the purposes of reviewing health care information of an adult receiving services who is deceased, in accordance with section 264, subsection 5, paragraph A. For purposes of this paragraph, "panel coordinator" has the same meaning as in section 264, subsection 2, paragraph B; and

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶W is enacted to read:

W. To the medical director of the Office of Child and Family Services or a child and adolescent psychiatric consultant or nurse consultant employed by the Office of Child and Family Services, or to case aide staff when acting under the direction of the medical director or a child and adolescent psychiatric consultant or nurse consultant employed by the Office of Child and Family Services, for the exclusive purpose of coordinating health care of an individual who has not attained 18 years of age and is in the department's custody pursuant to chapter 1071. The department shall request records directly from the individual's providers. Disclosure under this paragraph may include allowing access to health information from a state-designated statewide health information exchange. Information accessed through a state-designated statewide health information exchange may be