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have not been identified as a child with a disability pursuant to section 7001, subsection 1-B.

Sec. 14. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§2, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. A person who is at least 3 years of age and is identified as a child with a disability pursuant to section 7001, subsection 1-B may enroll in an available public preschool program at any time prior to enrolling in kindergarten.

Sec. 15. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 581, §10, is amended to read:

4. New or expanded public preschool programs for children 4 years of age. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 and for each subsequent fiscal year until the 2026-27 fiscal year, the commissioner may expend and disburse one-time, start-up funds to provide grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children 4 years of age pursuant to chapter 203, subchapter 3. Beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the commissioner may expend and disburse one-time, start-up funds to provide grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children 3 or 4 years of age pursuant to chapter 203, subchapter 3. The amounts of the grant funding provided to qualified school administrative units pursuant to chapter 203, subchapter 3 are limited to the amounts appropriated, allocated or authorized by the Legislature for the operation of public preschool programs. Any balance of funds appropriated, allocated or authorized by the Legislature remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not lapse and are carried forward to the next fiscal year to carry out the purposes of chapter 203, subchapter 3.

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CHAPTER 634

S.P. 823 - L.D. 2130

An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. "Eligible service member" means a person who is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard and a person actively serving in the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 438, §2, is amended to read:

2. Interview. In filling any position in the classified service, the employing agency shall offer an interview to any veteran ~~or~~ gold star spouse or spouse of an eligible service member who meets the minimum qualifications established for the position.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 438, §2, is amended to read:

3. Retention preference. In any reduction in personnel in the state service, employees who are veterans ~~or~~ gold star spouses or spouses of eligible service members must be retained in preference to all other competing employees in the same classification with equal seniority, status and performance reviews.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 635

S.P. 830 - L.D. 2133

An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§15, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 2, Pt. A, §30, is amended to read:

15. ~~Emergency medical services community~~ Community paramedicine services. ~~Ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical~~ Community paramedicine services as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 9-C and licensed under Title 32, chapter 2-B, ~~that are authorized by the Emergency Medical Services' Board to provide community paramedicine services pursuant to Title 32, section 84, subsection 4.~~ This exemption applies for the express and exclusive purpose of delivering community paramedicine services, as long as:

A. The care is episodic. For the purposes of this paragraph, "episodic" means an encounter with a patient focused on presenting concerns and an identified medical condition in which neither the community paramedic nor the patient has the expectation of an ongoing general home care relationship; and

B. The Emergency Medical Services' Board adopts rules requiring authorized community paramedicine services to:

(1) Comply with the Maine Background Check Center Act requirements as described in chapter 1691;

(2) Conduct initial and ongoing training of all staff regarding their obligations as mandatory reporters;