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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

is authorized to continue to collect data from public entities after the end of the one-year program until the submission of the inventory under section 3.

2. No later than November 1, 2025, the office shall initiate a 2-year program to solicit information from private entities in the State possessing aqueous film-forming foam concentrate in an amount of 5 gallons or more.

Sec. 2. Inventory as public record. Resolved: That the inventory under section 1 is a public record as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 402, subsection 3. Upon completion of the inventory, the office shall make the inventory available on its publicly accessible website.

Sec. 3. Report to Legislature. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2028, the office shall submit the inventory under section 1 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters and criminal justice and public safety matters. After reviewing the inventory, either committee may report out legislation relating to the inventory to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

Sec. 4. Transfer from Maine Solid Waste Management Fund to General Fund unappropriated surplus. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$85,732 on or before June 30, 2026 and \$86,378 on or before June 30, 2027 from the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2201 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to offset the cost of one limited-period Office Assistant II position and related costs regarding the creation of an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam concentrate in the State.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for one limited-period Office Assistant II position and related costs to compile an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam concentrate possessed by any public entity in the State in an amount of 5 gallons or more and to solicit similar information from private entities.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$74,834	\$75,480
All Other	\$10,898	\$10,898
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$85,732	\$86,378

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 112

H.P. 509 - L.D. 802

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Design a Mentoring Program for Youth Who Have Extended Care and Support Agreements with the Department

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services contract for mentoring program. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its contract CFS-25-627 with the Youth Leadership Advisory Team at the University of Southern Maine to increase the contract by \$20,000 to evaluate mentoring program options for youth who have extended care and support agreements with the department pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4037-A. The Youth Leadership Advisory Team shall research mentoring programs that are evidence-based to recommend a mentoring program model to the department. The mentoring program must include training requirements for supporting youth transitioning out of extended care and support agreements for mentors, staff and youth, as well as multiple data collection points and data analysis. The Youth Leadership Advisory Team shall consult with youth who currently have extended care and support agreements or have had extended care and support agreements in the past. The amendment to the contract must allow for compensation, including supplies and travel, for youth who are involved in the development of the mentoring program. The department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, no later than January 2, 2027, with recommendations for a mentoring program. The report must include the recommendations from the Youth Leadership Advisory Team, descriptions of youth viewpoints and the department's response to the recommendations. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to evaluate mentoring program options for youth with extended care and support agreements under an existing contract.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
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All Other	\$20,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 113

H.P. 637 - L.D. 977

Resolve, Requiring the Maine Health Data Organization to Develop a Plan for Measuring Gaps in Home and Community-based Services

Preamble. Whereas, continuing workforce challenges have contributed to a gap between home and community-based services that are authorized and those that are delivered under the MaineCare program and state-funded programs; and

Whereas, consistent measurement of this care gap is critical to understanding whether the gap is expanding or contracting and whether policy interventions are needed; and

Whereas, the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have published Medicaid home and community-based services gap measures that states will be required to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

Whereas, the Maine Health Data Organization has expertise that uniquely qualifies it to calculate valid and complex health care measures; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Maine Health Data Organization to develop measurement plan. Resolved: That the Maine Health Data Organization shall develop a plan for annual measurement of the State's home and community-based services care gap, using claims and care authorization data that currently exist. The plan must ensure that the measures meet federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services data requirements and are therefore comparable to measures submitted by other states. As used in this resolve, "care gap" means the difference between the home and community-based services individuals are authorized to receive and the services they actually receive under the following MaineCare provisions and state-funded programs: the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 40, 65, 92 and 96; and 10-149 C.M.R. Chapter 5, Office of Aging and Disability Services Policy Manual, Sections 61, 63, 68 and 69 as well as any rules that are adopted to provide services under the lifespan program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5003-B.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to provide sample data. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide sample data related to care gap measurement to the Maine Health Data Organization on request for use in developing the measurement plan in section 1.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Maine Health Data Organization shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2026 outlining available data, data gaps and the estimated cost of creating and implementing an annual measurement of the care gap that meets federal reporting requirements pursuant to section 1. The report may include recommendations regarding responsibilities for ongoing data collection, tracking and reporting.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for data system work to provide data to the Maine Health Data Organization.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$18,620	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,620	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$18,620	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,620	\$0

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$18,620	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$18,620	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$37,240	\$0

HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION, MAINE

Maine Health Data Organization 0848

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract a consultant to assist the Maine Health Data Organization to comply with the provisions of this legislation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$45,000	\$0