

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**JANUARY 7, 2026 to APRIL 29, 2026**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2026**

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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
2025**

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**CHAPTER 119  
H.P. 935 - L.D. 1426**

**Resolve, to Expand Child  
Assertive Community  
Treatment**

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

**Whereas,** Maine is experiencing significant challenges in providing timely services to children with behavioral health challenges; and

**Whereas,** services for children with severe behavioral health challenges are especially scarce; and

**Whereas,** assertive community treatment is an evidence-based intervention effective at keeping people with severe behavioral health challenges in the community setting and out of institutional settings; and

**Whereas,** Maine currently has only one child assertive community treatment team in the State; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible in order to develop the pilot program required by this legislation that addresses the scarcity of child assertive community treatment teams and provides timely services to children with behavioral health challenges; 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

**Sec. 1. Child assertive community treatment team. Resolved:** That, by March 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall 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 request for applications must require the awardee of the grant to use workforce incentives designed to attract, train and retain child assertive community treatment staff. The department shall engage in a competitive process to determine the awardee. The term of the contract may not exceed 2 years.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, within 90 days following the conclusion of the pilot program under

section 1, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the outcomes and recommendations for continuation of the pilot program. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the next regular or special session after the report is received.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for child assertive community treatment services.

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|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| All Other                 | \$0            | \$102,717        |
| <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$102,717</b> |

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|----------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>       | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| All Other                              | \$0            | \$155,321        |
| <b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$155,321</b> |

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| <b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>       | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> |
| All Other                             | \$0            | \$744          |
| <b>FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$744</b>   |

**Mental Health Services - Children Z206**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a grant for a pilot program to develop a child assertive community treatment team.

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|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>  |
| All Other                 | \$0            | \$80,000        |
| <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$80,000</b> |

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| <b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF<br/>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                                                   | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$182,717</b> |

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|------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND    | \$0 | \$155,321 |
| FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND     | \$0 | \$744     |
| DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$0 | \$338,782 |

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

Effective January 11, 2026.

## CHAPTER 120 H.P. 1016 - L.D. 1558

### Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

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

**Whereas,** this legislation establishes the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period so that the commission may timely meet and make its report to the Legislature by November 4, 2026; 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

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 14 members, including:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who serve on

the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System or the Maine Maritime Academy, appointed by the President of the Senate, as recommended by the Maine Education Association Board of Directors;

4. One member representing the Certification and Higher Education Committee of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the Senate, as recommended by the Chair of the State Board of Education;

5. One member representing private colleges and universities in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House, as recommended by the Maine Independent Colleges Association;

6. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;

7. The Chair of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees or the chair's designee;

8. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee;

9. The Chair of the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees or the chair's designee;

10. The Chair of the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees or the chair's designee;

11. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy or the president's designee; and

12. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

In appointing members of the commission, the appointing authorities shall give consideration to race, gender, socioeconomic diversity and geographic diversity.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission; number of meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and