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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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and III, Section 40 or Section 96, developing a federal waiver for children with complex medical needs or a combination of these strategies or other methods; and

7. Develop recommendations to ensure that medical assessments are conducted on children who need them through existing or expanded services or funding streams.

Sec. 2. Work group membership. Resolved: That the work group convened pursuant to section 1 must include, but is not limited to, members appointed by the council as follows:

1. A representative from the children and youth with special health care needs program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention;

2. A representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Public Health Nursing;

3. A representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services with expertise in the early and periodic screening, diagnostic treatment program;

4. Two parents or guardians of children who require complex medical care;

5. A representative of an agency providing home health services;

6. A representative of an agency providing private duty nursing services;

7. A physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner who takes care of pediatric patients with complex medical needs;

8. A representative from children's behavioral health services within the Department of Health and Human Services;

9. A representative from the State Board of Nursing; and

10. A representative from the council.

Sec. 3. Convening of work group; staffing assistance; funding. Resolved: That the council shall provide the necessary resources to organize and support the work of the work group convened pursuant to this resolve, including convening and providing any necessary staffing services for the work group.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the council shall submit a report, no later than January 31, 2026, that includes a summary of the findings of the work group along with recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee shall review the findings and recommendations of the report and may report out legislation to implement recommendations

related to the report in the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 129

S.P. 661 - L.D. 1667

Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State

Sec. 1. Authorization to sue State. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Hemphill Farms, Inc., in Presque Isle, which claims to have suffered damages in connection with actions taken by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, is authorized to bring a civil action against the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. This resolve is a waiver of the State's defense of immunity under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, chapter 741.

Notwithstanding the application of any statute of limitations barring this action, this action may be brought in the Aroostook County Superior Court within one year from the effective date of this resolve. Liability and damages, including punitive damages, must be determined according to state law as in litigation between individuals, except that the award of damages resulting from a civil action authorized by this resolve may not exceed \$400,000. The action may be heard by a Justice of the Superior Court or by a jury. The Maine Rules of Civil Procedure govern the conduct of the action. The Attorney General shall appear, answer and defend the action. To the extent possible, the Attorney General shall conduct negotiations in good faith to resolve this action by settlement.

The Treasurer of State shall pay any settlement determined by agreement of the parties or any judgment, including costs and interest, upon final process issued by the Superior Court or, if applicable, the Supreme Judicial Court.

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CHAPTER 130

H.P. 1167 - L.D. 1749

Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Study Achieving Gender Equality

Sec. 1. Department of Corrections to study achieving gender equality. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections shall study the extent of gender inequality present in the programs, services, facili-