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LD 70 An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 439 provides one-time funding in the amount of \$50,000 for each year of the 2025-2027 biennium for the State's free health clinics.

LD 84 An Act to Improve the Coordination of Health Care for Minors in State Care

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 332 extends to employees of the Department of Health and Human Services the permission to obtain confidential health care information for the purpose of coordinating health care for a minor in the department's custody. The law specifies certain employees of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom permission is given to obtain confidential health care information for the sole purpose of coordinating health care for an individual who has not attained 18 years of age in the department's custody is given. It also requires the department to request records directly from the individual's providers and allows access to information from a state-designated statewide health information exchange, but only to ascertain current health conditions, medications and immediate medical needs.

LD 85 An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 5 makes changes to the laws governing the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council. It changes the matters on which the council provides advice to clarify matters affecting recipients of TANF cash and other TANF recipients. It allows for the removal from the council of a member who fails to attend two meetings within a 12-month period. It removes the provision requiring the establishment of a postsecondary education subcommittee. Finally, it authorizes compensation, in the amount of the legislative per diem, and reimbursement for expenses for a member who is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the council by the member's employer or the entity the member represents.

LD 93 An Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 440 amends the law governing the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to expand the program to provide immunizations to and cover the costs of recommended vaccines for adults in the State. It specifies the process for distributing total annual program costs

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among payers by adding assessment calculation language. It adds other options for the purchase of low-cost vaccines, in addition to the federal Vaccines for Children Program.

LD 94 An Act to Eliminate Miscarriage Reporting Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 42 eliminates the requirement that health care professionals report to the Department of Health and Human Services each occurrence of a miscarriage of a fetus of less than 20 weeks gestation.

LD 99 An Act to Clarify Information Sharing Between the Department of Health and Human Services and Schools with Respect to Investigations of Child Abuse or Neglect

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 362 clarifies that the investigation team of the Department of Health and Human Services may investigate an individual who is certified by the Department of Education, who has applied for licensure or certification, or who is subject to licensure or certification. It also clarifies that an investigation team in the Department of Health and Human Services may notify the superintendent of a school administrative unit, chief administrator of a public school not in a school administrative unit or chief administrator of a private school when there is an indicated or substantiated finding of out-of-home abuse or neglect against an employee of that school administrative unit, a public school not in a school administrative unit or a private school. It also allows the Department of Education to disseminate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect occurring within a school to superintendents, chief administrators of public schools not in a school administrative unit or chief administrators of private schools when neither the Department of Health and Human Services nor the Department of Education is investigating or it is determined that the school is unaware of the information.

LD 110 An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 79 requires that a direct share subdivision that receives opioid settlement funds in accordance with the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds, dated and signed on January 26, 2022, and the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds-2023, dated and signed on May 2, 2023, must submit an annual report to the Attorney General detailing the amount of such funds received and expended in the prior calendar year and including a description of each such expenditure. The first annual report must be submitted by January 15, 2026. The law also includes a requirement that the Attorney General

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