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compile the reports submitted by direct share subdivisions and submit them by February 15, 2026 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LD 117 An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 441 requires that any unused balances of the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2025-26 and the one-time funding of \$3,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services to replace current and anticipated reduction in grants to the department under the federal victim assistance formula grant program that are not needed for those purposes must be equally disbursed to a statewide coalition of domestic violence resource centers and a statewide coalition of sexual assault support centers to support community-based services. The department must identify any unused balances by March 30th of each year.

LD 143 An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by Funding Family Planning Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 443 requires the State Controller, at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as the next priority after other transfers and deductions have been made, to transfer up to \$3,000,000 from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for statewide family planning services to provide funds to be distributed to a single grantee that will provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services.

LD 156 An Act to Improve Notifications Related to Substance-exposed Infants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 353 establishes and defines a family care plan in statute as a plan of safe care as described in the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. It specifies the procedures for health care providers to notify the Department of Health and Human Services regarding infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure, including developing a family care plan. It requires data collection in a manner that complies with federal law. It removes references in law to notifications not being construed to establish a definition of "abuse" or "neglect" or to require prosecution and removes references to investigations by the Department of Health and Human Services upon notification.