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LD 705 An Act to Correct Technical Errors in Public Law 2025, Chapter 650

Public Law 2025, chapter 752 makes the following corrections and clarifications to Public Law 2025, chapter 650.

1. It clarifies that the standard deduction for tax year 2025 is \$15,000.
2. It clarifies that the application date for the pass-through entity tax applies only to the Part of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 that enacts the pass-through entity tax.
3. It includes reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 28, Section 97 Appendix B and Section 97 Appendix D in the 3.07% cost-of-living adjustment for essential support workers. It provides a one-time transfer from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Health and Human Services to the General Fund to fund the General Fund portion of the cost-of-living adjustments for the essential support workers for fiscal year 2026-27.
4. It provides that the funding appropriated in Public Law 2025, chapter 650 to address unmet needs of older adults through community-based services and programs must be distributed to area agencies based on priorities identified by local advisory councils to meet regional needs through the intrastate funding formula to develop programs and deliver services to older adults.
5. It provides appropriations and allocations. It changes the funding provided for grants in the early childhood nutrition grant program in Public Law 2025, chapter 650 from one-time to ongoing. It also changes the funding provided for low-income electric ratepayer assistance in Public Law 2025, chapter 650 from one-time to ongoing funding. It also includes the appropriations and allocations necessary for the cost-of-living adjustments.

LD 1389 An Act to Create the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 501 establishes the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program within the Department of Health and Human Services as a competitive grant program to expand out-of-school programming opportunities for school-age youth by increasing or enhancing current programming, reducing barriers for access to out-of-school programming and creating new programming. It provides a base allocation of \$500 to establish the Building Opportunity Through Out-of-school Time Program Fund. It specifies that the Department of Health and Human Services may not take steps to implement the program until the Legislature provides sufficient funds to issue grant awards under the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 501 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 501 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.