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Additional information relating to certain bills

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LD 52 Resolve, Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Options for Allowing Children in the Department's Custody to Receive Federal Benefits

Although this bill was not enacted, funding to offset the use of federal benefits to pay for or reimburse the Department of Health and Human Services for any costs of the child's care and to require the department to establish a special-needs trust to use and conserve the child's benefit was provided in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. Funding was also provided for training to children receiving federal benefits, department staff and representative payees who receive the federal benefits on behalf of the child. Two positions were established to provide report creation and dissemination for annual accounting to the child, the child's attorney, or their guardian. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 117 An Act to Provide Funding for Sexual Assault Services

This bill was enacted in 2025 as Public Law 2025, chapter 441. An additional \$2 million in one time funds for the same purposes was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.

LD 137 An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the budget, enacted during the Second Regular Session as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. Part FFFF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 adds employees of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter to the 1998 Special Retirement Plan in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

LD 182 An Act to Provide Per Diem Payments for MaineCare Residents of Maine Veterans' Homes

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to establish reimbursement rates for Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facility services covered by the MaineCare program, as well as one-time funding, was incorporated in Part A and Part WW of Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. It requires the MaineCare program to reimburse veterans' facilities for covered nursing home services on a per resident daily rate basis that is reasonable and adequate to cover the total MaineCare allowable costs of operating veterans' facilities. The per diems developed must be adjusted for inflation to the same extent that reimbursement rates for nonveterans' nursing facilities

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are adjusted. It also requires the department to make a one-time supplemental payment to Maine Veterans' Homes residential care facilities in fiscal year 2026-27 to cover the difference between MaineCare payments and actual allowed MaineCare costs. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Parts A and WW.

LD 191 An Act to Support Maine Businesses by Establishing a Pass-through Entity Tax and Tax Credit

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part N.

LD 249 An Act to Update Certain Medical Examiner Fees

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into the biennial budget in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Section A-4 and Part X.

LD 326 An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind

Although this bill was not enacted, aspects of the substance of the bill were incorporated into the supplemental budget bill enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 650. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part M.

LD 331 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included language in Part YYY-1 directing the Department of Health and Human Services to determine a consistent and reasonable allocation method to distribute a one-time supplemental payment to acute care hospitals. Part YYY-2 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment for inpatient diagnosis-related group reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 45, effective July 1, 2026. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part YYY.