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Additional information relating to certain bills

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LD 335 An Act to Safeguard Reproductive Rights

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of this bill was incorporated into Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session in Part Z. Part Z does the following.

1. It establishes the Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning Services to provide a grant to a single qualified provider to provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services. It is the intent of the Legislature that, beginning in fiscal year 2027-28, \$5,000,000 be appropriated from the General Fund to the fund each year.
2. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide funding to family planning services providers in the State if funding under Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act has been reduced or eliminated by the Federal Government or the provider has withdrawn from Title X funding due to the imposition of conditions attached to the funding.
3. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to cover family planning services for MaineCare members who receive services from a provider that is a prohibited provider under Section 71113 of federal Public Law 119-21 (2025) and any future similar federal law. Services provided after July 1, 2025 are reimbursed retroactively.

Public Law 2025, chapter 650 also provided one-time funding to offset the provider impact of the federal budget reconciliation law in federal Public Law 119-21, Section 71113, which prohibits federal payments to prohibited entities, as defined in federal Public Law 119-21, Section 71113, for items and services for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part Z.

LD 389 Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission

Although this bill was not enacted, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services directed the Department of Health and Human Services, as part of a scheduled State Government Evaluation Act review, to include an evaluation of its COVID-19 response in its submission. The department complied and included a COVID-19 response review in its State Government Evaluation Act report submitted to the committee.

LD 549 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Update Certain Requirements Regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kits

Although this bill was not enacted, requirements for law enforcement agencies to complete inventories of all sexual assault forensic examination kits in their possession and for the

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Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a sexual assault forensic examination kit tracking system were incorporated into the supplemental budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part 000.

LD 561 An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements for Certain Child Care Providers

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of this bill was incorporated in LD 1728, enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 587. That law includes a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse child care providers for subsidies based on enrollment rather than attendance. See Health and Human Services, Enacted Law Summary, LD 1728.

LD 579 An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Aspects of the substance of this bill, as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, 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 Department of Health and Human Services on August 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or resident setting and who have the job classification of Community Response Worker to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FFFF.

LD 579 was placed on the Special Appropriations Table following its amendment by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. It was subsequently taken off the Special Appropriations Table and further amended to add certain nurses in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on October 1, 2026 or hired thereafter to the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. See Labor, Enacted Law Summary, LD 579.

LD 814 An Act to Provide Funding to Area Agencies on Aging for Community-based Services and Programs to Support Older Adults

Although this bill was not enacted, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session, included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to address unmet needs of older adults through services and programs delivered by the Area Agencies on Aging. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part A.