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fiscal year 2026-27 to replace current and anticipated reductions in grants under the federal victim assistance formula grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Section A-17.

LD 1816 An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement

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 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, Part 000.

LD 1932 An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development

Although this bill was not enacted, its substance was included in Part FF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session and Public Law 2025, chapter 752. Part FF of Public Law 2025, chapter 650 does the following:

1. It changes the membership of the Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee to include a representative of the long-term care ombudsman program and a representative of an organization that provides personal care services in the home.
2. It applies a one-time cost-of-living adjustment of 3.07% for direct care services provided under certain sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual and state-funded home and community-based services. This adjustment is applied beginning January 1, 2027.
3. It requires the Maine Health Data Organization and the Department of Health and Human Services to work with the department's vendors to allow for the organization to develop a plan to measure the care gap in essential support worker services paid by the MaineCare program or a similar state-funded program. "Care gap" is defined as the difference between the services individuals are authorized to receive and the services that they actually received. This change aligns with recommendations included in a legislative report submitted pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 113. It also requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to determine which existing reports required by statute that are submitted by the department to the committee could be amended to include the ongoing care gap funding requirements.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 752 amended Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part FF to apply the one-time cost-of-living increase to additional essential care workers. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 705; Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part FF.

LD 1955 An Act to Increase Child Care Affordability

Although this bill was not enacted, ongoing funding of \$10,000,000 for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program, beginning in fiscal year 2026-27, was included in Public Law 2025, chapter 650, Part VV, the budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. Part VV also allows the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to accept donations or grants for the Maine Child Care Affordability Program from any source and provides that funds to support the program are nonlapsing. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2212, Part VV.

LD 1959 An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Reducing General Assistance Reimbursement Maximums for Payment of Costs of Providing Emergency Shelter

Although this bill was not enacted, a total of \$4,750,000 in one-time allocations to emergency homeless shelters 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 2010 An Act Updating References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

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 K.

LD 2065 An Act to Provide One-time Funds to Support the Construction of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for At-risk Youth

Although this bill was not enacted, a total of \$3,399,680 in one-time allocations to support the establishment of a youth psychiatric residential treatment facility 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.