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3. The payment method to be used by health insurance carriers and public programs to reimburse for services provided by a shared decision-making program;

4. The appropriate incentives to encourage use of a shared decision-making program by providers and patients;

5. Evidence-based studies that evaluate shared decision making; and

6. Any barriers to implementation of a shared decision-making program; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Maine Quality Forum shall submit a preliminary report on the findings and recommendations of the advisory group on or before February 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services. Before February 1, 2011, the Maine Quality Forum shall submit a final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters may each report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature based on the final report.

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CHAPTER 105

H.P. 702 - L.D. 1027

Resolve, To Examine Concepts and Competencies from Family and Consumer Science for Achieving Educational Goals

Sec. 1. Integration of family and consumer science. Resolved: That prior to or during the course of the next review cycle of content standards and performance indicators required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4, the Commissioner of Education shall invite one or more persons certified to teach family and consumer science to participate in a working group. The commissioner shall invite others to participate in the working group based on their interest in or expertise or familiarity with Maine's system of learning results. The purpose of the working group is to:

1. Examine concepts and competencies included in the National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Education developed by the National Asso-

ciation of State Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences;

2. Determine the suitability of one or more of the national standards or variations on these standards for inclusion as performance indicators within one or more of the content areas comprising the system of learning results; and

3. Develop recommendations for the integration of family consumer science descriptors into the parameters for essential instruction.

Participation in the working group does not entitle a person to receive monetary compensation or reimbursement for expenses from the Department of Education; and be it further

Sec. 2. Advise Commissioner of Education; report to Joint Standing Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs. Resolved: That the working group shall advise to the commissioner of its recommendations. The commissioner shall report to the Joint Standing Committee of Education and Cultural Affairs by letter or in person no later than April 1, 2010 to provide the names of people invited to participate in the working group and a brief work plan and timeline for the group.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 106

H.P. 784 - L.D. 1140

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Convene a Work Group To Strengthen Farm-to-school Efforts in the State

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, farm-to-school initiatives are effective and innovative approaches to help youth eat healthier and more nutritious foods, improve academic performance, introduce learning opportunities with regard to food production and preparation and provide hands-on experiential education; and

Whereas, farm-to-school initiatives help preserve working farmland, invigorate local economies, rebuild and revitalize communities, promote environmental stewardship and realize the goals of the State's food policy; and

Whereas, the State's public schools are tax-supported and the purchase by schools of local products strengthens the local tax base; and

Whereas, this legislation establishes a process to review and strengthen farm-to-school initiatives throughout the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Convene work group. Resolved: That the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, referred to in this resolve as "the departments," shall convene a work group to study farm-to-school initiatives and programs in the State and develop recommendations for strengthening farm-to-school efforts in the State; and be it further

Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved: That, in conducting the review and developing recommendations, the departments shall invite the participation of the following agencies, groups and organizations:

1. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension;
2. The Maine School Food Service Association;
3. The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association;
4. The Maine Center for Public Health;
5. The Maine Nutrition Network;
6. The Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Program Association;
7. The Healthy Maine Partnerships;
8. Healthy Oxford Hills;
9. Focus on Agriculture in Rural Maine Schools;
10. Maine Harvest Lunch Program;
11. Western Mountains Alliance;
12. Maine agricultural commodity groups; and
13. Other statewide organizations involved in supporting Maine agriculture, public health, the environment and the Maine economy; and be it further

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the departments, with input from and in consultation with the participants set forth in section 2, shall:

1. Assess the status of regional and statewide farm-to-school efforts throughout the State, including policies, practices and curricula;

2. Review the existing capacities of and barriers to facilitating the purchase and use of local products;

3. Review the status of networking channels that connect farm-to-school efforts throughout the State;

4. Review best practices and evaluate methods from other farm-to-school programs outside the State; and

5. Prepare recommendations for strengthening farm-to-school initiatives and programs within the State; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the departments shall submit a report on the study conducted pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2010.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 9, 2009.

CHAPTER 107

S.P. 75 - L.D. 225

Resolve, To Provide for the Long-term Funding of Programs of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Sec. 1. Identify funding solutions. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall consult with hunting and fishing groups, environmental and conservation groups and other interested parties to identify long-term funding sources other than the license, permit and registration revenues currently realized by the department and to develop language and a strategy for amending the Constitution of Maine to protect funding for those programs administered by the department that are not related to hunting, fishing or trapping; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the findings and recommendations developed pursuant to section 1, including any implementing legislation, by January 5, 2010. The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding matters contained in the report.

See title page for effective date.
