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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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sible school pursuant to section 5163 shall send or electronically transfer pertinent records, including but not limited to academic and health information records, to the ~~receiving school or educational~~ interim program no later than 5 school days after becoming aware that the student enrolls in the receiving school or educational has entered the interim program.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 440
S.P. 409 - L.D. 1172**

**An Act To Support the Maine
Downtown Center**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.
The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, MAINE
Development Foundation 0198**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the Maine Downtown Center.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$25,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 441
S.P. 435 - L.D. 1274**

**An Act To Sustain Emergency
Medical Services throughout
the State**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-JJ, as reallocated by RR 2005, c. 1, §6, is amended to read:

§3174-JJ. MaineCare reimbursement for ambulance services

The department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services or at the highest percent of that level that is possible within resources appropriated for those purposes. Beginning March 1, 2015, the

department shall reimburse for ambulance services under MaineCare at a level that is not less than 65% of the average allowable reimbursement rate under Medicare for such services.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.
The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services to not less than 65% of Medicare reimbursement rate levels effective March 1, 2015.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$60,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$60,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$96,047
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$96,047

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS) DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$60,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$96,047
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$156,047

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 442
H.P. 978 - L.D. 1370**

**An Act To Exempt from Sales
Tax the Sales of Adaptive
Equipment To Make a Vehicle
Handicapped Accessible**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§95 is enacted to read:

95. Sales of certain adaptive equipment. Sales to a person with a disability or a person at the request of a person with a disability of adaptive equipment for installation in or on a motor vehicle to make that vehicle operable or accessible by a person with a disability who is issued a disability plate or placard by the Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 521.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2014.

Effective July 1, 2014.

CHAPTER 443

S.P. 554 - L.D. 1489

An Act To Address Maine's Immediate Workforce Needs

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 383, sub-c. 2, art. 2-C is enacted to read:

ARTICLE 2-C

MAINE WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

§13063-R. Maine Workforce Opportunities Program

1. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Departments" means the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor.

B. "Fund" means the Maine Workforce Opportunities Marketing Fund established in subsection 5.

C. "Program" means the Maine Workforce Opportunities Program established in subsection 2.

D. "Qualified employee" means an employee qualified to participate in the program and listed in the qualified employee registry created pursuant to subsection 3.

E. "Qualified employee registry" means the electronic registry that contains a list of qualified employees created pursuant to subsection 3.

F. "Qualified employer" means an employer who has registered with the program in accordance with rules adopted under subsection 4.

G. "Qualified employer registry" means the electronic registry that contains a list of qualified employers created pursuant to subsection 4.

2. Program established. The Maine Workforce Opportunities Program is established as a pilot project that seeks to match qualified employees with positions at companies in the State representing industries with significant unmet demand for skilled labor by promoting incentives, including a tax credit for an employee's education costs, when applicable, through the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program established in Title 20-A, section 12542 and through other programs or initiatives operated by the State that seek to attract new employees to businesses in this State. The program is designed to achieve the following goals:

A. Promote economic opportunity and growth by providing an incentive to those individuals with certain skills and experience in occupations when there exists a demonstrable gap between the number of available jobs requiring those skills and experience and a smaller number of individuals willing and able to accept and succeed in those jobs;

B. Assist businesses by providing them with a registry of skilled and available individuals;

C. Offer incentives to individuals to pursue educational, training and retraining opportunities;

D. Keep individuals in the State through education tax credits and the opportunity to secure jobs in industries with significant demand; and

E. Provide immediate support for economic development in the State during a period during which comprehensive long-term workforce development solutions are implemented.

3. Creation of qualified employee registry. Working with the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System, career centers, private postsecondary educational institutions, relevant trade associations and other entities as appropriate, the Department of Labor, in accordance with rules adopted by the departments, shall create an electronic registry of qualified employees.

The Department of Economic and Community Development shall manage the qualified employee registry and shall coordinate with the Department of Labor when supplying information from the qualified employee registry to qualified employers.

4. Creation of qualified employer registry. Working with employers, the Department of Labor, the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System, private postsecondary educational institutions, relevant trade associations and other entities as appropriate, the Department of Economic and Community Development, in accordance with rules