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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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2. Include procedures to modernize customer services, including, but not limited to, passenger wait lines, slot times and seasonal rates. The procedures must be developed with the goal of improving customer service and identifying opportunities for increased revenue; and

3. Implement a standardized process to improve training of Maine State Ferry Service employees. The rules must require that, to the extent it is practicable, vessel crew training be accomplished before reporting for duty, including, but not limited to, familiarization with the vessel the crew member will be working on. Vessel crew training must include, but is not limited to, the location and operation of emergency equipment and firefighting equipment and vessel-specific procedures, overboard drills and duty stations in port and at sea. The training may be accomplished by the port captain except for training that must be accomplished while the vessel is under way. Training under this subsection must satisfy the applicable federal regulations for ferry boats and ferry service training protocols; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2017, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report with the results of the peer review assessment under section 1 and a progress report on its rules developed pursuant to section 2 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature related to the reports; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016**

Initiative: Provides allocations to conduct a peer review of the Maine State Ferry Service and to outfit all Maine State Ferry Service vessels with lockboxes for medical samples.

HIGHWAY FUND	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$0	\$5,000
All Other	\$0	\$1,500
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,500
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$0	\$10,000
All Other	\$0	\$3,000

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES	\$0	\$13,000
FUND TOTAL		

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CHAPTER 87

H.P. 1006 - L.D. 1465

**Resolve, To Require the
Department of Health and
Human Services To Conduct a
Study of Ambulance Services**

Sec. 1. Rate study. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with a 3rd-party consultant to conduct a rate study of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 5, Ambulance Services. The rate study must account for provider costs related to ambulance services. The rate study must also assess the feasibility of reimbursing for community paramedicine services and potential rates for those services. The 3rd-party consultant conducting the study under this section shall invite the participation of stakeholders providing ambulance services; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, no later than January 1, 2017, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the department's progress on developing a reimbursement rate for community paramedicine services pursuant to section 1 of this resolve.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 88

H.P. 1162 - L.D. 1696

**Resolve, To Establish a
Moratorium on Rate Changes
Related to Rule Chapter 101:
MaineCare Benefits Manual,
Sections 13, 17, 28 and 65**

Sec. 1. Rate Study. Resolved: That, on January 2, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with a completed rate study on Rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 13, 17, 28 and 65 conducted by Burns and Associates and in process on the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 2. Moratorium on rulemaking. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services may not begin any rule-making procedure connected with rate changes for reimbursement levels under Rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 13, 17, 28 and 65 until at least 60 days after a completed rate study has been presented to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters pursuant to section 1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 89

H.P. 1143 - L.D. 1675

Resolve, To Create the Task Force on Public-private Partnerships To Support Public Education

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

Whereas, this resolve establishes the Task Force on Public-private Partnerships To Support Public Education to conduct a comprehensive study of available public-private funding models to support public education; and

Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; 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. Task force established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force on Public-private Partnerships To Support Public Education, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

A. One member who represents a philanthropic organization and who has experience in performance-based contracting in the social sector or social impact partnerships;

B. One member who represents business interests and who has experience in performance-based contracting in the social sector or social impact partnerships;

C. One member who represents financing interests and who has experience in performance-based contracting in the social sector or social impact partnerships; and

D. One member who represents school principals' interests;

4. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

A. One member who represents a philanthropic organization and who has experience in performance-based contracting in the social sector or social impact partnerships;

B. One member who represents business interests and who has experience in performance-based contracting in the social sector or social impact partnerships;

C. One member who represents financing interests and who has experience in performance-based contracting in the social sector or social impact partnerships; and

D. One member of the Maine Education Policy Research Institute; and

5. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

Prior to making an appointment to the task force pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph D, the President of the Senate shall seek nominations from the Maine Principals' Association. The President of the Senate shall request the Maine Principals' Association to survey its members for a recommended nomination; and be it further

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days