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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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the transmission and distribution utility to provide that guidance.

The amount of any arrearage forgiven that is treated as bad debt for purposes of cost recovery by the transmission and distribution utility may not be included as a reasonable cost under this paragraph.

The Efficiency Maine Trust shall work with investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities, consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities that elect to participate in an arrearage management program and other stakeholders to provide access to a complementary low-income energy efficiency program for participants in arrearage management programs in order to help reduce participants' energy consumption.

No later than January 28, ~~2018~~ 2021, the commission shall prepare a report assessing the effectiveness of arrearage management programs, including the number of participants enrolled in the programs, the number of participants completing the programs, the number of participants who have failed to complete the programs, the payment patterns of participating customers after completing the programs, the dollar amount of arrears forgiven, a comparison of outcomes for those participating in the programs and those not participating, the impact on a any participating transmission and distribution utility's bad debt as a result of the programs, the costs and benefits to all ratepayers associated with the programs and recommendations for ways in which the programs might be improved or continued for the benefit of all ratepayers. In preparing its report, the commission shall hold at least one formal stakeholder meeting involving affected parties, including the Office of the Public Advocate and the participating transmission and distribution utilities. Parties must also be provided an opportunity to submit written comments to the commission regarding the performance of the programs.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters may report out a bill relating to the commission report to the ~~Second~~ First Regular Session of the ~~128th~~ 130th Legislature.

This subsection is repealed September 30, ~~2018~~ 2021.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10110, sub-§2, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 556, §2, is amended to read:

L. Pursuant to section 3214, subsection 2-A, the trust shall work with investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities, consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities that elect to participate in an arrearage management program pursuant to section 3214, subsection 2-A and other stakeholders to provide access to a complementary low-income energy efficiency program for participants in the arrearage management pro-

grams in order to help reduce participants' energy consumption.

This paragraph is repealed September 30, ~~2018~~ 2021.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 415
S.P. 658 - L.D. 1771**

An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20054 is enacted to read:

§20054. Integrated treatment and recovery for families

The department shall develop and fund housing-based programs employing evidence-based strategies in a holistic approach to recovery for vulnerable families affected by substance abuse. The programs must treat mothers affected by substance abuse who have at least one child under 10 years of age when entering the program in an integrated family care model. The programs must provide to a mother in the program stable housing and comprehensive services that support recovery and unification with that mother's children. Comprehensive services provided include all of the following: care coordination, health care, child care, early childhood education, home supports, after-school programming, parenting education, treatment for mental health and substance abuse, postsecondary education, community-based transportation and employment supports. The programs must include coordinated data collection to assess long-term recovery outcomes, transition to employment and independence for mothers participating in the programs.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to issue requests for proposals. No later than January 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall issue requests for proposals to develop, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 20054, 2 housing-based programs for mothers affected by substance abuse who have children under 10 years of age.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
Child Care Services 0563**

Initiative: Provides allocations for child care services in the integrated treatment and recovery for families program.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$866,611
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$866,611

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides allocations for contracted services in the integrated treatment and recovery for families program.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$215,000
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$215,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$1,081,611
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,081,611

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**CHAPTER 416
S.P. 639 - L.D. 1740**

An Act Regarding Criminal Forced Labor, Aggravated Criminal Forced Labor, Sex Trafficking and Human Trafficking

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4701, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 407, §1, is amended to read:

C. "Human trafficking offense" includes:

(1) Aggravated sex trafficking and sex trafficking under Title 17-A, sections 852 and 853, respectively, and criminal forced labor and aggravated criminal forced labor under Title 17-A, sections 304 and 305, respectively; and

(2) All offenses in Title 17-A, chapters 11, 12 and 13 if accompanied by the destruction, concealment, removal, confiscation or possession of any actual or purported passport or other immigration document or other actual or purported government identification document of the other person or done using any scheme, plan or pattern intended to cause the other person to believe that if that person does not perform certain labor or services, including prostitution, that the person or a 3rd person will be subject to a harm to their health, safety or immigration status.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §§304 and 305 are enacted to read:

§304. Criminal forced labor

1. A person is guilty of criminal forced labor if the actor, without the legal right to do so, intentionally or knowingly:

A. Withholds or threatens to withhold a scheduled drug or alcohol from a person who is in a state of psychic or physical dependence, or both, arising from the use of the drug or alcohol on a continuing basis in order to compel that person to provide labor or services having economic value;

B. Withholds or threatens to withhold a substance or medication from a person who has a prescription or medical need for the substance or medication in order to compel that person to provide labor or services having economic value;

C. Uses a person's physical or mental impairment that has substantial adverse effects on that person's cognitive or volitional functions as a means to compel that person to provide labor or services having economic value;

D. Makes material false statements, misstatements or omissions in order to compel a person to provide labor or services having economic value;

E. Withholds, destroys or confiscates an actual or purported passport or other immigration document or other actual or purported government identification document in order to compel a person to provide labor or services having economic value;

F. Compels a person to provide labor or services having economic value to retire, repay or service an actual or purported debt if: