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LAWS
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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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housing matters, transportation matters and economic and community development matters no later than January 1st of each year until 2030 regarding activities and progress made toward ending hunger in the State by 2030. The joint standing committees may each submit a bill to the Legislature each year relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 2. Strategic plan to end hunger by 2030. The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3102 shall coordinate the implementation of the strategies to build infrastructure and increase capacity to end hunger in the State as outlined in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry January 2022 report, "Everyone at the Table: Maine's Roadmap to End Hunger by 2030."

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Appropriates funding for one Public Service Coordinator II position and related All Other costs to support the coordination, communications and activities of the strategic plan to end hunger in the State by 2030.

| GENERAL FUND | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT | 0.000 | 1.000 |
| Personal Services | \$0 | \$125,885 |
| All Other | \$0 | \$5,000 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$0 | \$130,885 |

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 678
S.P. 131 - L.D. 305**

An Act To Include Certain Employees in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Employed" means to be employed as an active duty firefighter or by the Office of the State Fire Marshal or by the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry or to be an active member

of a volunteer fire association with no compensation other than injury and death benefits.

Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

C. "Firefighter" means a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire association whose duties include the extinguishment of fires ~~or~~ an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry whose duties include the extinguishment or investigation of fires.

Sec. 3. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §2, is further amended to read:

6. Length of service. In order to qualify for the presumption under subsection 2, the firefighter must have been employed as a firefighter for 5 years and, except for an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry, regularly responded to firefighting or emergency calls.

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**CHAPTER 679
S.P. 220 - L.D. 533**

An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §15011, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 481, §1, is amended to read:

§15011. Statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program

Beginning ~~September 1, 2020~~ January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall implement a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program to provide support, guidance and training to improve the abilities and skills of early care and education teachers and providers working in public elementary schools, child care facilities as defined in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B, family child care settings and Head Start programs serving infants and children who are 8 years of age or younger who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings, and to improve the abilities and