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**CHAPTER 158
S.P. 270 - L.D. 682**

**Resolve, To Monitor Northern
and Rural Energy**

Sec. 1. To monitor northern and rural energy. Resolved: That the Governor's Energy Office, in coordination with the Office of the Public Advocate and the Public Utilities Commission, shall monitor factors that directly affect energy supply and costs in the service territory of the northern Maine independent system administrator and in other rural or geographically isolated communities in the State, including, but not limited to, electric grid reliability, availability and costs of electric generation resources, electricity rates and heating fuel supplies and costs. The Governor's Energy Office may monitor and engage in related activities, including examining regulatory or utility planning processes and convening stakeholder groups to examine related issues, and may take appropriate actions, including actions to ensure relevant energy data is publicly accessible. The Governor's Energy Office shall report on its activities under this section, including any findings and recommendations resulting from its monitoring, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters by February 1, 2023.

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**CHAPTER 159
H.P. 241 - L.D. 343**

**Resolve, To Review Maternal
and Child Health Block Grant
Spending**

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Health and Human Services to review Maternal and Child Health Block Grant spending. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall establish a partnership to review Department of Health and Human Services spending of funds received pursuant to the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, referred to in this resolve as "the block grant." The partnership must be between representatives of tribal public health districts, representatives of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 19 and representatives of the department. The partnership shall review the following:

1. The total amount of block grant funds received by the State;
2. The entities and programs funded by the block grant;

3. The populations served by the entities and programs funded by the block grant;
4. The decision-making process the department uses to determine what entities and programs receive block grant funding and how much each receives;
5. The effects and outcomes in populations served by the entities and programs funded by the block grant;
6. How best to define "vulnerable populations" within the State; and
7. Existing gaps in funding of vulnerable populations by the block grant.

Sec. 2. Report to Legislature. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall submit a report, drafted by the partnership under section 1, regarding the review conducted pursuant to this resolve and making recommendations, including recommendations for changes to policy and relating to the award of block grant funds, recommendations for specific measures or reserving of block grant funds for certain populations and recommendations for the establishment of a permanent partnership to review federal block grants received by the Department of Health and Human Services and including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

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**CHAPTER 160
H.P. 629 - L.D. 861**

**Resolve, Concerning Training
and Assessments Related to
Protection from Substantial
Threats**

Sec. 1. Training. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall develop and conduct training programs on the protection from substantial threats process in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3862-A, referred to in this resolve as "the temporary weapons removal process," which includes temporary weapons removal assessments.

1. In 2022, the Department of Public Safety shall conduct one mandatory training program for all law enforcement officers on the temporary weapons removal process. In 2023 and 2024, the department shall conduct at least one voluntary training program for law enforcement officers on the temporary weapons removal process per year.
2. The Department of Public Safety shall offer the training programs on the temporary weapons removal

process under this section as determined necessary by the department to:

- A. Hospitals;
- B. Behavioral health agencies;
- C. Assertive community treatment teams pursuant to Title 34-B, section 3801, subsection 11;
- D. All providers, including telehealth services providers contracted by the State, conducting temporary weapons removal assessments;
- E. District attorneys; and
- F. Representatives of the judicial branch.

3. The Department of Public Safety shall invite the participation of a statewide association of hospitals, individual hospitals and service providers, including telehealth services providers contracted by the State, to collaboratively develop materials for the training programs under this section.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, beginning March 1, 2023 and each March 1st until March 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters on the following:

- 1. Participation in the training programs under section 1;
- 2. Materials for the training programs under section 1;
- 3. Identification of telehealth services providers contracted by the State and credentials of all providers conducting temporary weapons removal assessments; and
- 4. The number of temporary weapons removal assessments conducted per month, including:
 - A. The number of temporary weapons removal assessments conducted in person, including the locations;
 - B. The number of temporary weapons removal assessments conducted by telehealth services providers contracted by the State, and the locations where the persons being assessed were located during the temporary weapons removal assessments;
 - C. The number of temporary weapons removal assessments that recommended temporary weapons removal;
 - D. For recommended temporary weapons removals, whether the removals were based on the person's being assessed as:
 - (1) Predominantly a threat to self;
 - (2) Predominantly a threat to others; or
 - (3) A threat to both self and others; and

E. The number of temporary weapons removal assessments that were requested by law enforcement officers but not conducted and the reasons they were not conducted.

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CHAPTER 161

S.P. 368 - L.D. 1107

Resolve, Directing the Maine Connectivity Authority To Take Further Actions To Bring High-speed Broadband to Unserved Areas

Sec. 1. Regional partnership strategies. Resolved: That the Maine Connectivity Authority, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9404 and referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall seek to encourage and support regional partnerships among appropriate entities to identify and implement strategies to bring high-speed broadband to unserved areas of the State. The strategies must involve approaches and models that recognize and address population densities and the high cost of providing service to low-density areas; ensure the inclusion of services to all individuals and communities, including the most disadvantaged populations, within the area, commonly referred to as "digital inclusion"; and ensure the capacity of relevant communities to undertake a comprehensive approach to bringing broadband to the area. The strategies must involve consideration of requirements to receive available funding for expanding high-speed broadband connectivity as well as the critical nature of providing the connectivity in a time frame that meets the needs of the area.

Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved: That the authority shall, by January 15, 2023, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters any federally approved plans for funding the activities described in section 1, including from the United States Department of the Treasury's Capital Projects Fund or the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program funded by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

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