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or encumbered for another purpose, to exceed \$40,000,000 \$50,000,000. Any balance in the Loan Insurance Reserve is appropriated for this purpose.

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**CHAPTER 423
H.P. 37 - L.D. 62**

An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2304, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. One door on the right side near the front for ordinary exits and entrances, which must be equipped with technology to prevent the door from closing on a person's limb or other body part if the school bus was manufactured in 2025 or later; and

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**CHAPTER 424
H.P. 55 - L.D. 87**

An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1532, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Emergency funding for nonprofit food banks. During a state of emergency declared in accordance with Title 37-B, section 742, subsection 1 that exceeds 10 days, the Governor, in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, may distribute up to \$400,000 from the stabilization fund to nonprofit entities, including food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income, indigent or unemployed individuals or households without charge. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the funds distributed under this subsection must be disbursed. The commissioner may leverage funds distributed under this subsection to match any relevant federal funding available for qualifying food programs in the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The Governor may not suspend under Title 37-B,

section 742, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (1) rules adopted under this subsection.

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**CHAPTER 425
H.P. 96 - L.D. 155**

An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19132, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 450, §7, is amended to read:

9. Program implementation and oversight. Initiate, implement and oversee programs, policies and services consistent with the purposes of this chapter; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §19132, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 450, §7, is amended to read:

10. Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council. Oversee the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, established under section 24051, and direct a representative of the cabinet to meet at least once yearly with the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council and consult with one or more state-designated groups representing youth issues regarding goals selected by the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council; and

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §19132, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Coordination across state agencies. Establish a working group that includes the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to promote coordinated policies, finances, programs and service delivery systems to support juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system. The working group shall conduct a review of other states in regard to best practices and organizational structures for juvenile justice services.

Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §7009 is enacted to read:

§7009. Publication of data

By February 15, 2024, the department shall develop and publish on its publicly accessible website data regarding the number of juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system. The data must be updated monthly and include information regarding the numbers of juveniles referred, diverted, detained, placed on probation, ordered to serve a period of confinement and committed to the department. The department shall