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**CHAPTER 77
H.P. 700 - L.D. 1104**

**Resolve, to Review the
MaineCare Hospital
Readmission Protocol**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review MaineCare rules regarding hospital readmission. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review its MaineCare rules regarding hospital readmissions and reimbursement for readmissions, with a focus on readmissions of patients who had previously left the hospital against medical advice and readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and those with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders. The department shall, by January 15, 2024, submit recommendations for statutory and rule changes regarding readmissions to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee may report out legislation based on the department's report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. In making recommendations regarding management of readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and patients with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders, the department shall employ a trauma-informed approach.

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**CHAPTER 78
S.P. 85 - L.D. 181**

**Resolve, Requiring Progress
Reports from the Department
of Health and Human Services
Regarding the Implementation
of Secure Children's
Psychiatric Residential
Treatment Facility Services**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services rule-making and rate-setting report. Resolved: That, no later than January 2, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its progress in establishing increased rates for secure children's psychiatric residential treatment facilities and amending department rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 107.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services implementation report. Resolved: That, no later than July 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its progress in implementing secure children's

psychiatric residential treatment facility services. The report must include specific information about the provider, location of the facility, number of beds and estimated or actual date of opening. If no provider has been secured, the report must include the department's next steps for attracting a willing provider.

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**CHAPTER 79
H.P. 347 - L.D. 542**

**Resolve, Directing the Public
Utilities Commission to
Investigate Time-of-use Rates**

Sec. 1. Time-of-use rates; report. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall investigate the feasibility of requiring:

1. Standard-offer service to include a time-of-use rate option, including whether the commission recommends the use of a pilot program to assess this option; and
2. All investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to offer a time-of-use rate for the delivery of electricity for all customer classes that would complement a time-of-use supply rate.

No later than January 15, 2024, the commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes a summary of the commission's investigation along with any findings and recommendations related to the report. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 80
H.P. 702 - L.D. 1106**

**Resolve, to Improve the
Transition to Adult Services
for Children with Intellectual
Disabilities and Autism
Spectrum Disorder**

Sec. 1. Statewide transition from children's to adult services pilot project report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with an update on its plans to improve the transition for individuals receiving children's services from the department's Office of Child and Family Services to adult services from the department's office of aging and disability services as evaluated in the Improving the Transition from Children's to Adult Services pilot project, ME201.10,