

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 29, 2023**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**OCTOBER 25, 2023**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the cost of a consultant to facilitate and manage the work of the Blue Economy Task Force.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

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**CHAPTER 120**  
**H.P. 878 - L.D. 1364**

**Resolve, to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers**

**Sec. 1. Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future working group. Resolved:** That the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall convene a working group to study methods of preventing opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers. The office shall at a minimum invite as members of the working group the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Safety, a representative of the recovery treatment community, a municipal representative, a medical professional, a person who has experienced substance use disorder and a representative of an organization that advocates for persons with substance use disorder. The working group shall evaluate options for, identify barriers to and develop findings and recommendations regarding the prevention of opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers in the State.

As used in this section, "harm reduction health center" means a facility that provides health screening, disease prevention and recovery assistance services and that allows persons to consume previously obtained controlled substances on the premises.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, on or before February 15, 2025, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall submit a report, including the findings and recommendations, as well as any proposed legislation, of the working group under section 1, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a consultant for research, facilitation and report writing services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$15,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

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**CHAPTER 121**  
**S.P. 593 - L.D. 1474**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse nursing facilities after receipt of cost reports. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to the facility's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.

**Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse private non-medical institutions after receipt of cost reports. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, Appendix C to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of a private non-medical institution's as-filed settlement within 90 days of receipt.

**Sec. 3. Existing resources. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall implement the requirements of this resolve within existing resources.

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**CHAPTER 122**  
**H.P. 981 - L.D. 1526**

**Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools**

**Sec. 1. Department of Education to provide grants to support reading proficiency programming in schools. Resolved:** That the Department of Education, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall award grants to school administrative units to support reading proficiency programming in schools.