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through energy efficiency, clean energy and clean transportation projects. The guidance must be designed to assist schools entering into contracts for such projects, including energy performance contracts with energy service companies, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1770, subsection 2, paragraph B, to maximize federal tax incentives and ensure timely and on-budget project completion of the contracted project or service.

No later than January 31, 2025, the Department of Education shall provide a report, including draft guidance, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters and education matters. The report may also include recommendations for legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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CHAPTER 151

S.P. 808 - L.D. 1974

Resolve, Directing an Analysis of and Report on the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program

Sec. 1. Finance Authority of Maine to examine and report findings on Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine, in conjunction with the Department of Economic and Community Development, shall examine and evaluate the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1100-Z and submit a report of its findings and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters by January 31, 2025. The report must include discussion of recommendations offered by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in its March 2017 report on the program. The Finance Authority of Maine may consult with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services and with other public and private entities with roles in economic development in the State as necessary. The joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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CHAPTER 152
H.P. 1398 - L.D. 2184

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 9: Rules Governing Administrative Civil Money Penalties for Labor Law Violations, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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CHAPTER 153
H.P. 1403 - L.D. 2189

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is not authorized.

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CHAPTER 154
S.P. 872 - L.D. 2071

Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until

90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, of the 18 voting members of the Emergency Medical Services' Board that are subject to appointment by the Governor, there are 6 vacancies and 5 members whose terms have expired; and

Whereas, the work of the Emergency Medical Services' Board is critical to the provision of emergency medical services in the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Appointment. Resolved: That, within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 88, subsection 1, paragraph A, the Governor shall appoint members to the Emergency Medical Services' Board to fill all vacancies and replace those members whose terms have expired.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 26, 2024.

CHAPTER 155

H.P. 161 - L.D. 240

Resolve, to Direct the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Proposed Legislation to Increase Broadband Internet Access

Sec. 1. Broadband Internet installation legislation. Resolved: That the Maine Connectivity Authority, established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 33-H and referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall develop proposed legislation to improve the ability of tenants in multiple dwelling units in the State to receive broadband Internet service and benefit from increased competition among Internet service providers. In developing proposed legislation, the authority shall consider issues related to the installation of broadband Internet service infrastructure in multiple dwelling units in the State, including, but not limited to, applicable federal requirements. The authority shall provide an opportunity for stakeholders to participate in identifying issues related to the installation of broadband Internet service infrastructure in multiple dwelling units in the State and to submit comments regarding proposed legislation. Stakeholders may include, but are not limited

to, individuals representing real estate, development and community interests; Internet service, cable and wireless technology providers; and landlords.

The authority shall submit a written summary of its activities under this section and proposed legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters by January 30, 2025, and the committee may report out a bill related to the authority's summary to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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CHAPTER 156

H.P. 1071 - L.D. 1673

Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Coordinate Collaboration Among State Agencies for the Purpose of Promoting Smart Growth and Development in High-use Corridors

Sec. 1. Working group established. Resolved: That the Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall convene a working group consisting of the Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the director of the Maine State Housing Authority to design a plan for agency coordination to maximize state resources and promote smart growth, walkable neighborhoods, mixed-use development and mixed-income housing in high-use corridors near higher-density downtowns, village centers or crossroads through infilling and redevelopment of underutilized lands. The working group shall also propose a plan for technical assistance grants to municipalities for the development of ordinances and zoning regulations governing high-use corridors including model transit-oriented development zoning ordinances for municipal consideration.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall submit a report no later than January 15, 2025 regarding the findings and recommendations of the working group established pursuant to section 1 to the joint standing and joint select committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters. A joint standing or joint select committee that receives the report may submit legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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