



**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY**  
**Legislative History Collection**  
**131st Legislature (2022-2024)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1726 / SP0690

An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families. Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Public Hearing 05/10/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/14/23. Amended by: CA S-266. Final Disposition: Died On Adjournment 07/26/23.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1726 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Analyst Notes**

[LD 1726 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

- (Master file available on request—please include citation:cf131-LD-1726.pdf  
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(05/10/2023\)](#)  
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(05/24/2023\)](#)  
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(06/01/2023\)](#)
- (Click audio link on committee page. Audio files may cover several bills.)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-266\) \(LD 1726 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)  
[Amendment CB \(S-267\) \(LD 1726 2023\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, April 20, 2023 \(H-342-355\)](#)

p. H-354

[SENATE, April 20, 2023 \(S-488-509\)](#)

p. S-496

[SENATE, June 12, 2023 \(S-1031-1096\)](#)

p. S-1084 (Amendment(s) S-266, S-267)

[SENATE, June 13, 2023 \(S-1097-1153\)](#)

p. S-1126 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p1128)) (Amendment(s) S-266, S-267)

[HOUSE, June 14, 2023 \(H-820-855\)](#)

p. H-829 (Amendment(s) S-266, S-267)

[HOUSE, June 15, 2023 \(H-856-900\)](#)

p. H-862 (Amendment(s) S-266)

[SENATE, June 15, 2023 \(S-1213-1246\)](#)

p. S-1231 (Amendment(s) S-266)

### News Articles

Lawmakers hear proposal to fix Maine's child care system (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 5/11/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/PPH 230511C.pdf)

Child care bill would ease strain on Maine's families (Tina Jennings) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 5/25/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/Sun Journal 230525A.pdf)

Child care investment (Troy Morton) (Bangor Daily News, 5/26/2023, p. A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/BDN 230526E.pdf)

Addressing the urgent need for improved child care in Maine (Glen Curry "Chip") (Republican Journal, 6/1/2023, p. B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/Republican Journal 230601C.pdf)

Jackson's child care legislation moves closer to passage (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/5/2023, p. B1, B7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/BDN 230603H.pdf)

Broken child care system harms kids and economy (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 6/7/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/BDN 230607B.pdf)

Confronting Maine's desperate lack of childcare (Mike Tipping) (Lincoln News/Katahdin Region News, 7/12/2023, p. 14) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/Clip23255.pdf)

White House celebrates child care investments like Maine's (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 7/20/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD17xx/nc131-LD-1726/PPH 230720B.pdf)

To obtain items available on request, or to report errors or omissions in this history, please contact:

[Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library](#)