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LD 372 An Act To Establish the Hospital System Loan Fund Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 746 establishes the Hospital System Loan Fund Program within the Finance Authority of Maine. The program is established to alleviate the hardship of hospitals resulting from loan payments through the Medicare accelerated payment program. It transfers \$12 million from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund and transfers \$12 million from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine's FAME Hospital - Hospital System Loan Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Beginning August 1, 2024, the Finance Authority of Maine must transfer quarterly the repaid principal balance to the Reserve for FAME Hospital - Hospital System Loans General Fund account.

Public Law 2021, chapter 746 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 8, 2022.

LD 485 An Act To Continue Funding for Home-delivered Meals for Homebound Seniors and to Address Growing Demand

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 712 provides ongoing funding to provide home-delivered meals to homebound seniors. It also allows the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse an area agency on aging for mileage that exceeds the state reimbursement rate.

LD 533 An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 679 delays the statewide implementation of the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program until January 1, 2023. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from other sources to fund the program. It requires the department to submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and over education matters relating to the status of implementing the program, the ability of the program to provide support and guidance to families, educators and providers working with children and the department's progress in seeking and applying for additional funding to support the program. Public Law 2021, chapter 679 provides general funds and Public Law 2021, chapter 769 offsets that funding through a transfer from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund.