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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### **LD 822 An Act To Affirm That Food Seeds Are a Necessity in Maine**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 175 adds seeds to the definitions of "necessities" in the law in Title 10 prohibiting profiteering during supply disruptions.

### **LD 837 An Act To Amend the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 176 combines the provisions in LD 837 with those in two other Department of Health and Human Services bills regarding the child protection system, LDs 760 and 762. The law:

1. Amends the definition of "abuse or neglect" and enacts a definition for "child sex trafficking" within the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to ensure the State is in compliance with the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as amended by Public Law 115-271;
2. Amends definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to update cross-references and to ensure the Department of Health and Human Services has the authority to intervene in situations involving truancy under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A when truancy is the result of neglect by a person responsible for the child; and
3. Provides clarifying language in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act regarding what may be considered a child protective record for purposes of disclosure. This change allows the Department of Health and Human Services to determine that documents in child protective records that were not originated by the department are not child protective records for the purposes of disclosure.

### **LD 854 An Act To Ensure Continued Health-related Services for Children To Access Education**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 227 provides reimbursement under MaineCare for health-related services provided to children from birth to five years of age that are necessary to access education. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt a new rule that is consistent with federal law to implement the reimbursement of health-related services. The initial rule is major substantive and any subsequent rules are routine technical. The major substantive rule must be provisionally adopted and submitted to the Legislature for review no later than