

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
130<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
LABOR AND HOUSING

December 2021

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11. It increases the total extended benefit amount in a high unemployment period.
12. It establishes a peer workforce navigator pilot program.
13. It requires the Commissioner of Labor to convene an unemployment insurance working group to examine the unemployment insurance program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 13. The commissioner must submit a report of the working group's recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing no later than January 15, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing may submit a bill in response to this report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.
14. It requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation to complete an analysis of the State's unemployment insurance reciprocity rate and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing no later than February 1, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing may submit a bill in response to this report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

### **LD 1613 Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation To Develop Partnerships with Businesses, Unions and Educational Programs and Institutions To Provide Training and Transportation for Workers**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 92 directs the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation to collaborate to develop partnerships with businesses, unions and educational programs and institutions to provide a hub for workers to get transportation to training programs, apprenticeships and jobs and receive information about open positions and training opportunities.

### **LD 1644 An Act To Improve the Disability Retirement Program of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 277 amends the laws relating to disability retirement under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and makes other changes relating to the structure of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

The law does the following.