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authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.

Resolve 2021, chapter 50 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2021.

### **LD 1649 An Act To Make the Shared Living Program Accessible for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 187 broadens the use of the contingency fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5437 to include any adult with intellectual disabilities or autism who qualifies for services under Title 34-B, chapter 5. Previously, expenditures from the contingency fund were limited to persons living in particular settings.

### **LD 1653 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 124: Emergency Medical Services Personnel Reporting Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 51 authorizes the adoption of Chapter 124: Emergency Medical Services Personnel Reporting Rule, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2021, chapter 51 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2021.

### **LD 1712 An Act To Support Children's Healthy Development and School Success**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 457 accomplishes the following.

1. It establishes the Help Maine Grow System in the Department of Health and Human Services. The system is a comprehensive, statewide, coordinated system of early identification, referral and follow-up for children from prenatal care up to eight years of age and their families. The system ensures access to early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment services and related services to promote healthy development and develop a coordinated system of screening, referral and services. The law establishes the position of coordinator of the system to work collaboratively across offices within the department, the Children's Cabinet, the Department of Education and other applicable departments. The department must submit annual reports to

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the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services and education matters.

2. It establishes the First 4 ME Early Care and Education Program under the Department of Health and Human Services to provide comprehensive, high-quality early child care and education services for at-risk children under six years of age who have not entered kindergarten and the children's parents by funding projects that integrate comprehensive resources and services with traditional child care center and family child care settings. The projects are sponsored by coalitions of stakeholders, providers and other community members within the communities that the projects serve. Each project is led and coordinated by a community contractor who staffs the project's operations and contracts with community providers to provide health care, education or parenting services, which may include services provided in a licensed child care center or by a licensed family child care provider, in a home visit or by an individual providing services to a family member within the individual's or family member's residence. The community contractor employs or contracts with community coaches who train and provide support to community providers. The department is directed to seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from any other sources to pay the costs of projects under the program and, to the maximum extent possible, use state funds received for the projects to maximize receipt of federal funds to be used for the projects. This legislation directs the department to request proposals for up to five pilot projects to implement the program and to report to the Legislature on the progress of the pilot projects toward the objectives, goals and intended outcomes of the projects in 2025.

### **LD 1718 An Act To Establish the Accidental Drug Overdose Death Review Panel**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 292 establishes the Accidental Drug Overdose Death Review Panel, within the Office of the Attorney General, to review a subset of deaths caused by accidental drug overdoses and to recommend to state, county and local agencies methods of preventing deaths as the result of accidental drug overdoses including modification or enactment of laws, rules, policies and procedures.

Public Law 2021, chapter 292 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2021.