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LD 628 An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 312 makes permanent the ability for a student to be eligible for a Department of Education diploma due to a significant interruption to the student's education at any point during the student's educational history as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also changes the definition of “education disruption” to include any housing disruption, absence for more than 10% of school days in a school year due to unforeseen circumstances and enrollment in two or more schools during the student's secondary school education.

LD 651 An Act to Codify the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 180 eliminates the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program established by Public Law 2021, chapter 346. The law establishes as an ongoing statutory program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program established pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 483, Part H.

LD 692 An Act to Increase Support for Statewide Emergency Broadcast Messaging

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 459 directs the State Controller to transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2026 and \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2027 of the funds received pursuant to the *Maine v. Google* settlement and deposited to the account established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 203-A to be used solely for activities identified in the court decree and approved by the Attorney General. Funds transferred must be provided to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation to align state funding more closely with the statutory requirement to provide emergency broadcast messaging for public safety.

LD 722 Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the Status of Funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 34 directs the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the status of funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program no later than January 15, 2026. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature related to the contents of the report.