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disparities in safety or compensation related to that segregation. The commission is required to submit a report based on its findings by December 1, 2027 to the Secretary of State and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 579 An Act to Include Certain Nurses Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement

Public Law 2025, chapter 747 adds to the 1998 Special Plan for retirement persons in the employment of the Department of Health and Human Services on October 1, 2026 or hired thereafter who have the job classification of Nurse I, Nurse III, Hospital Nurse II, Hospital Nurse III, Hospital Nurse IV or Licensed Practical Nurse.

LD 669 An Act to Provide a Death Benefit for Department of Transportation Workers

Public Law 2025, chapter 749 adds Department of Transportation employees who die while performing official duties to the list of eligible persons whose families may receive a death benefit payment. The law removes the requirement in prior law that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services adopt rules to calculate the annual percentage increase in the death benefit. The law also requires the State to pay a death benefit in the amount of $100,000 each to the families of Department of Transportation employees James Brown and Dwayne Campbell, who died January 13, 2026.

LD 703 An Act to Establish a Health Care Gap Year Program for Recent College Graduates

Public Law 2025, chapter 751 provides $200,000 in one-time funds for fiscal year 2026-27 for a health care gap year program that incentivizes recent college graduates to work in critical health care positions, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

LD 725 Resolve, Directing the Efficiency Maine Trust to Study the Quality of Jobs It Creates in Consultation with an Advisory Group

Resolve 2025, chapter 154 directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to study, within existing resources, the quality of jobs created due to projects funded by the trust. The law directs the trust to convene an advisory group to inform and consult on the development of a survey and to assist in the analysis of the survey results. The findings of the survey must be used to develop the findings and recommendations of the study. The law also requires the director of the trust to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters setting forth the findings and recommendations of the study and authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.