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| [**LD 2009**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2009)  **HHS** | 1/16/24 Public Hearing  1/25/24 Work Session  **OTP- AM**  **Original language stripped and amended to create an advisory group to examine long hospital stays for youth** | Bill Sponsor  Senator Stewart | **[LD 2009](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2009)*****An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals***  ​​This bill requires a hospital to discharge a minor or an adult with a disability who is under guardianship to the care of a parent or guardian no later than 48 hours after the attending physician has determined the minor or the adult with disabilities is safe for discharge, and if a parent or guardian does not take custody of the discharged minor or the discharged adult with a disability within that period, the hospital is required to notify child protective services or adult protective services, as appropriate, which must then take custody of the minor or the adult with a disability. |
| [**LD 2128**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2128)  **HHS** | 2/1/24 Public Hearing  2/15/24 Work Session | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Madigan | [**LD 2128**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2128) ***An Act Regarding Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members***  This bill provides that a MaineCare member using MaineCare‑contracted nonemergency transportation services to travel to a MaineCare‑reimbursable appointment may elect to have one adult accompany the MaineCare member while traveling. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to require MaineCare contracts with providers of nonemergency transportation to include provisions allowing one adult to accompany a MaineCare member to a MaineCare‑reimbursable appointment. |
| [**LD 2125**](https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=104228)  **HHS** | 1/24/24 Public Hearing  2/8/24 Work Session **OTP-AM** | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Craven | [**LD 2125**](https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=104228) ***An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias***  This bill establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council to examine the needs of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, the services available in the State for those individuals and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet those individuals' current and future needs. It requires the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services to create the council. It also requires the council to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and submit an annual report on implementation of the plan. |
| [**LD 2120**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2120)  **EDU** | 1/31/24 Public Hearing | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Gattine | **[LD 2120](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2120)*****An Act to Fund the Delivery of Educational Services to Children with Special Needs as Required by State and Federal Law in Special Purpose Private Preschools***  This bill requires the Department of Education and the Child Development Services System to assist in maintaining education programming at special purpose private preschools by providing payments for specially designed instruction provided by each special purpose private preschool at a rate of $125 per day, per child receiving medically necessary therapeutic services through the MaineCare program for scheduled school days in accordance with a child's individualized education plan until the daily tuition rate in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7302, subsection 2, paragraph G is implemented. |
| [**LD 2166**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2166)  **EDU** | 1/31/24 Public Hearing | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Millet | **[LD 2166](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2166) *An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder***  This bill establishes a grant program in the Department of Education to increase postsecondary educational opportunities and support employability for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Under the grant program, the department awards competitive grants to institutions of higher education to develop and implement pilot programs that offer students with intellectual or developmental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder, to the greatest extent possible, the same rights, privileges, experiences, benefits, and outcomes in a postsecondary education as students without disabilities. The bill requires that, in order to receive funding under the grant program, pilot programs developed by institutions of higher education meet the requirements of a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program under the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act so that students enrolled in the pilot program may be eligible for certain federal grants and work-study programs. The bill requires institutions of higher education to use 25% of the funds received through the grant program for scholarships for students participating in the pilot program. Finally, the bill requires institutions of higher education to make periodic reports to the department concerning the progress and sustainability of its pilot program and requires the department to annually report to the Legislature the effectiveness of the grant program. |
| [**LD 2167**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2167)  **State and Local Gov.** | 1/30/24 Public Hearing  2/6/24 **Divided Report** | Governor’s Bill | **[LD 2167](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=131&paper=&paperld=l&ld=2167)** ***An Act to Develop Maine's Economy and Strengthen Its Workforce by Establishing an Office of New Americans***  This bill establishes the Office of New Americans within the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and also establishes an advisory council to the Office of New Americans. The Office of New Americans shall undertake and promote activities that improve the economic and civic integration of immigrants into the State's workforce and communities. |

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| [**LD 744**](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0302&item=1&snum=131)  **HHS** | Carried Over  **This bill is now Dead** | Bill Sponsored by  Senator Baldacci | [**LD 744**](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0302&item=1&snum=131) ***Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Perform Rate Studies and Rate Determinations for Providers of Certain Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorde****r* |
| [**LD 825**](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?ld=825&PID=1456&snum=131)  **HHS** | Carried Over  **This bill is now Dead** | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Lemelin | [**LD 825**](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?ld=825&PID=1456&snum=131) ***An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities*** |
| [**LD 948**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?paper=HP0595&SessionID=15)  **EDU** | Carried Over  **Passed the House** | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Collamore | [**LD 948**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?paper=HP0595&SessionID=15) ***An Act To Create A Liaison Position Between The Department Of Education And The Department Of Health And Human Services On Early Childhood Education Matters***  This bill creates the position of early childhood education specialist within the Department of Education to act as a liaison between that department and the Department of Health and Human Services on matters concerning early childhood education for children from birth to grade 5. |
| [**LD 473**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280085842)  **HHS** | Carried Over  **Passed the House** | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Craven | [**LD 473**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280085842) ***Resolve, to Expand the Eligibility for and Increase the Number of Hours of Applied Behavior Analysis Services Authorized by the MaineCare Program***  This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21, Allowances for Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Section 29, Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, to allow for reimbursement for up to 120 hours of applied behavior analysis services. |
| [**LD 539**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280086044)  **HHS** | Carried Over  **Passed the House** | Bill Sponsor  Rep. Helper | [**LD 539**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280086044) ***An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury***  This bill adds substance use disorder counseling to the comprehensive neurorehabilitation service system administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and directs the department to include counseling for substance use disorder in rehabilitative services for MaineCare members who have sustained an acquired brain injury. |
| [**LD 1718**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280088822)  **IDEA** | Carried Over  **Passed the House** | Rep. Meyer | [**LD 1718**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280088822) ***An Act to Encourage Participation in Maine's Essential Support Workforce Through Access to Higher Education***  This bill creates the Essential Support Worker Tuition Grant Program to provide up to 4 education vouchers equal to a year's tuition up to $4,000 at the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System or Maine Maritime Academy for an essential support worker employed in in-home or community support services reimbursed by the MaineCare program or another state program or a family member of the essential support worker. |
| [**LD 1666**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?ld=1666&PID=1456&snum=131&sec3)  **HHS** | **Carried Over**  **on Approps Table** | Senator Tipping | [**LD 1666**](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?ld=1666&PID=1456&snum=131&sec3) ***An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives***  This bill would increase the state contribution to SSI payments. It would also eliminate the marriage penalty on state contributions to SSI. |
| [**LD 1412**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280088224)  **Judiciary** | Carried Over, Failed 2/3’s Majority needed for Constitutional Amendment in the House, sent for concurrence. | Rep. Reckitt | [**LD 1412**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280088224)**, *RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Establishing That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law.***  This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the denial or abridgment by the State or any political subdivision of the State of equal rights based on the actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, physical or mental disability, ancestry, or national origin of an individual. |
| [**LD 2007**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280089977)  **Judiciary** | Carried Over  Public Hearings and Work Sessions held last Session | Speaker Talbot Ross | [**LD 2007**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280089977) ***An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations***  This bill proposes to make substantial changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act to address some of the consensus recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act, referred to in this summary as "the task force," ([Click here for full bill summary](https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1287&item=1&snum=131).) |
| [**LD 1863**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280089125)  **Criminal Justice and Public Safety** | **Carried Over**  **Passed the House** | Rep. Sachs | [**LD 1863**](https://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280089125)**, *An Act to Facilitate the Provision of Medically Appropriate Levels of Care for Clients of Correctional Facilities***  This bill enhances and improves the Department of Corrections' Supervised Community Confinement Policy contained in the Department of Corrections' rule Chapter 10, subsection 27.2. The bill provides guidelines for the use of supervised community confinement for assisted living and nursing facility levels of care in licensed facilities in the community and for home care provided by licensed professionals for clients in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The bill provides for assessment of medical and social needs of clients using the Medicaid eligibility assessment. The bill requires the department to work with DHHS to develop licensed units in correctional facilities, to provide long-term and assisted living and nursing facility levels of care in licensed facilities in the community, to encourage licensed community facilities to accept clients as residents and to work with care service providers in the community to allow clients qualifying for care in the community to live at home under Department of Corrections supervision. The bill requires the department to provide training to licensed facilities in the community regarding the specific needs of clients committed to the department. The bill requires data collection and reporting to assess progress over time.  Amendment: This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies in the bill that the Commissioner of Corrections must ensure that the process for placement of a client in an appropriate facility is initiated within 30 working days of a request. The amendment also authorizes, instead of requiring, the commissioner to place clients in licensed assisted living and nursing facilities in the community. |