

## GOC 132nd Second Session Legislation Tracking

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<b>Bills Involving the GOC</b>											
goc	127	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Reaffirming the Legislature's Access to Confidential Records	<a href="#">LD127</a>	Provides that the GOC may receive information and records that are privileged and confidential and that that information and those records are exempt from public disclosure.		Hickman	JUD				
goc	273	An Act to Preserve Legislative Authority over Investigating Committees	<a href="#">LD273</a>	Amends the laws governing legislative investigating committees to provide that when the Legislature delegates to a committee the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and take depositions, the Legislature has the sole authority to determine the membership and scope of that committee.		Lee	SLG				
<b>Bills Related to Current GOC and OPEGA Work</b>											
<b>Child Care Payments--Children in State Custody</b>											
fcpay	1443	An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers	<a href="#">LD1443</a>	Requires DHHS to continue payments to service providers, including, but not limited to, private or nonprofit behavioral health agencies, housing assistance providers and other nonprofit organizations, in good standing with the department at their previous contract rates when delays in new contract awarding, finalization or payment exceed 30 days. It also requires the department to pay administrative expenses and interest charged on lines of credit or loans accessed by a service provider when a delay in awarding, finalization or payment of a department contract requires the service provider to access the line of credit or loan.		Bennett	HHS				
<b>Child Protective Services</b>											
cps	52	An Act to Require DHHS to Apply for Federal Benefits on Behalf of Children in the Department's Custody Who May Be Eligible for Those Benefits	<a href="#">LD52</a>	Requires DHHS to review whether a child in its custody may be eligible for a benefit administered by the US Social Security Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs. If it determines the child may be eligible for a federal benefit, DHHS is required to apply for the federal benefit on behalf of the child. It also requires DHHS to provide training to children receiving a federal benefit, department staff and representative payees.		Roeder	HHS				
cps	555	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	<a href="#">LD555</a>	Creates a new Department of Child and Family Services and transfers the functions of DHHS that relate to child and family services and child welfare to the new department...		Timberlake	HHS				1/6/2025
cps	666	An Act to Prevent Domestic Violence by Providing Adequate Funding Support for Court-ordered Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs	<a href="#">LD666</a>	Provides ongoing funding [\$2.5 M/year] for certified domestic violence intervention programs.		Gattine	CJPS				
cps	721	Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State	<a href="#">LD721</a>	Provides one-time funding to support the full implementation of the 5 certified community behavioral health clinics certified by the State as part of the federal certified community behavioral health clinic Medicaid demonstration program, including hiring clinical and administrative staff critical to the success of the program....and increasing certain wages [\$1M/year]		Graham	HHS				
cps	875	An Act to Fund Essential Services for Victims of Domestic Violence	<a href="#">LD875</a>	Emergency. Provides funding for essential services for victims of domestic violence. (\$4M each for next four FYs)		Meyer	HHS				
cps	1061	An Act to Increase Community Support for Families in Maine	<a href="#">LD1061</a>	Provides funding to OCFS to strengthen the capacity of the Maine Child Abuse Prevention Councils to provide universal community support for families and essential child abuse prevention services statewide.		Meyer	HHS				
cps	1261	An Act to Support At-risk Families by Establishing the Community Navigator Pilot Program	<a href="#">LD1261</a>	Establishes a 2-year pilot program in DHHS to award contracts to four child abuse and neglect prevention councils in this State for a community navigator position within each council....community navigators to work with families who have been reported to the department for suspected child abuse or neglect but have been determined by the department to not meet the criteria for a child protective services investigation. Community navigators are required to help connect these families with community services as needed. Under the bill, community navigators are required to provide outreach and education to mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect to enhance their knowledge of available community services for families and how to connect families with those services. The educational outreach must also provide mandated reporters with guidelines for working directly with families in need to help shift the role of mandated reporters from just reporting suspected child abuse or neglect to actively supporting families in need...		Brennan	HHS				
cps	1425	An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low-barrier Trauma Recovery Services	<a href="#">LD1425</a>	Provides one-time funding only in fiscal years 2025-26 (\$1.1M) and 2026-27 (\$2.3M) to the Maine Resiliency Center in Lewiston to support the continuation and expansion of services for residents of the State affected by the immediate and cumulative effects of trauma through connection, information and support.		Rotundo	HHS				
cps	1544	An Act to Support Families by Improving the Court Process for Child Protection Cases	<a href="#">LD1544</a>	Amends the court process in child protection cases by eliminating as an aggravating factor consideration of whether a parent's rights to another child were previously involuntarily terminated; requiring the court to consider the trauma to the child of removal from the child's home and whether DHHS exhausted its options to mitigate that harm before removing the child; and at a contested termination of parental rights hearing, requiring the court to explicitly make findings that the department met its statutory obligations to provide reasonable efforts to reunify the child and parent before ordering a termination of the parent's rights.		Bailey	JUD				
cps	1618	Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine	<a href="#">LD1618</a>	Establishes the Study Group to Research the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine to undertake a comprehensive study to evaluate the feasibility, potential benefits and challenges associated with establishing a dedicated family court system.		Gramlich	JUD				

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cps	1893	An Act to Establish an Independent Office of the Child Advocate	<a href="#">LD1893</a>	Establishes the Office of the Child Advocate as an independent agency with jurisdiction over all children's services delivered or arranged by the State. It endows the Child Advocate with authority to receive complaints, access information, investigate, publicly report, make recommendations and advise the Governor, the Legislature, administrators of state agencies and the public on the best interests of children in providing services. It repeals the provision creating the ombudsman program in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act but retains services formerly provided by the ombudsman to be provided by the Office of the Child Advocate. It also provides for the transfer of funding from the ombudsman program to the Office of the Child Advocate.	Gramlich	HHS					
cps	2001	An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Facilities for Children and Adults Under the Health and Human Services Laws	<a href="#">LD2001</a>	Updates the laws governing the licensing and investigation of facilities for children and adults by clarifying the requirements regarding confidential abuse and neglect investigation records, requiring DHHS, instead of 40 the State Fire Marshal or other public safety inspectors, to inspect specialized children's homes and removing requirements for interagency licensing of children's homes between DHHS and DOE for licensing of nursery schools. The bill also corrects a cross-reference.	Ingwersen	HHS	1/14/2025				
foaa	1788	An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters	<a href="#">LD1788</a>	<p><b>Freedom of Access Act (FOAA)</b></p> <p>Prohibits an agency or official from charging a fee to cover the actual cost of searching for, retrieving and compiling a noncommercial request of a public record for the first 2 hours of staff time. The bill allows an agency or official to establish a fee structure and charge a fee for a commercial request of a public record. The bill also requires a person or entity to certify whether a request for a public record is a commercial request or a noncommercial request and whether the public information subject to the request is likely to be produced pursuant to an ongoing judicial proceeding and to provide additional information, as necessary, to the agency or official having custody or control of a public record subject to the request.</p>	Henderson	JUD					
<b>Juniper Ridge Landfill</b>											
jrl	2070	An Act to Prohibit Landfill Expansion into Wetlands (EMERGENCY)	<a href="#">LD2070</a>	This bill prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Act or a license under the solid waste management laws for the altering of freshwater wetlands in connection with the expansion of a solid waste landfill.	Dill	ENR					
<b>Procurement</b>											
procurement	1449	Resolve, Requiring the DAFS Commissioner to Conduct a Study of the State's Grant, Contracting and Procurement Practices	<a href="#">LD1449</a>	Directs the DAFS Commissioner to conduct a comprehensive study of the State's grant, contracting and procurement practices. The commissioner is required to submit a report with findings and recommendations, including specific recommendations to ensure efficiency, transparency, equity and accountability in the distribution and management of public funds, by January 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on SLG, which may report out a bill based on the findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.	Tipping	SLG					
procurement	1814	An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Amending Laws Regarding Persons Attempting to Influence the Competitive Bidding Process and Lobbyist Reporting During Rule-making Processes	<a href="#">LD1814</a>	Requires any person who is specifically employed by another person for the purpose of attempting to influence the competitive bidding process to register with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices for each employer and to submit monthly reports regarding activity, expenditures and compensation associated with attempting to influence any order, grant or contract on behalf of that employer. The bill requires the commission to create and maintain a publicly accessible website that displays this information to the public. It also expands the definition of "lobbying" and "grassroots lobbying" to include communicating directly with any official in the executive branch for the purpose of influencing any rulemaking. It requires a lobbyist or lobbyist associate who provides public comment on a proposed agency rule to disclose to the agency the name of the person or organization that lobbyist or lobbyist associate is representing in the same manner as when testifying before a joint select or joint standing committee of the Legislature.	Hickman	VLA					
<b>Tax Expenditures</b>											
tax	191	An Act to Support Maine Businesses by Establishing a Pass-through Entity Tax and Tax Credit	<a href="#">LD191</a>	Establishes a pass-through entity tax on the income of partners and shareholders of S corporations to permit certain entities to elect to pay Maine income tax at the entity level. The effect of this is to allow a member of a pass-through entity a credit of 90% of the member's share of Maine income taxes paid as a pass-through entity.	Hasenfus	TAX					
tax	195	An Act to Create the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program	<a href="#">LD195</a>	Establishes the Small Business Capital Savings Account Program in DECD to certify small businesses engaged in commercial agricultural production, commercial fishing or commercial wood harvesting eligible to claim a tax deduction for contributions made to qualifying small business capital savings accounts to be used for capital expenditures. The bill creates the tax deduction and establishes that withdrawals from the savings accounts are taxable income if not used for capital expenditures. Runs 2026-2029.	Stewart	HED to TAX					
tax	435	An Act to Expand the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit	<a href="#">LD435</a>	Changes the small project provisions of HRTC, increasing the eligible percentage of the project from 25% to 30% and increasing the expenditure cap from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000...Changes the maximum credit for certified historic structure rehabilitation projects from \$5,000,000 in each of the first 2 years to \$10,000,000 total across the first 2 years combined...	Hasenfus	TAX					
tax	926	An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Amending the Research Expense Tax Credit	<a href="#">LD926</a>	Increases the research expense tax credit by increasing the amount of expenditures eligible for the credit, doubling the rate by which the credit is calculated, doubling the maximum amount of the credit that may be claimed and halving the base amount used to determine the credit. The bill also establishes an annual reporting requirement and considerations that must be taken into account when developing evaluation parameters to perform a review of the tax credit.	Sayre	TAX					

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tax	1107	An Act to Amend the Tax Expenditure Review Process and Centralize Incentive Data Collection	<a href="#">LD1107</a>	Amends the tax expenditure review process by removing the requirement that an expedited review be done for tax expenditures that are intended to implement broad tax policy goals that cannot be reasonably measured and by requiring the joint legislative committee established to oversee program evaluation and government accountability matters to review and adjust category assignments twice each year. The amendment also establishes a task force to address the need for data centralization for tax expenditures, including evaluation of barriers to access to this data and disclosure of Maine tax expenditures and incentives information to the public.	Sachs	TAX					
tax	1555	An Act to Establish an Employer Tax Credit for Qualifying Child Care Costs	<a href="#">LD1555</a>	Repeals the prior employer-assisted day care tax credit program under MRS 36 5217. It establishes a new tax credit program that authorizes a refundable tax credit for an employer that pays for or provides in-kind resources for child care for the children of its employees. The amount of the annual credit is 50% of the amount expended up to a maximum of \$8,000 per child or a total annual credit of \$80,000, whichever is lower. The credit is available for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026. The bill also provides that the credit is subject to ongoing legislative review beginning in 2030.	Hasenfus	TAX					
tax	1574	An Act to Amend the Credit for Educational Opportunity and Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit	<a href="#">LD1574</a>	Allows student borrowers to make early payment of eligible student loans and to carry the relevant income tax credit forward, taking up to the annual maximum income tax credit each year until the tax credit is entirely depleted.	Jackson	TAX					
tax	1652	"An Act to Create a Tax Credit for Providers of Dental Care for MaineCare Recipients	<a href="#">LD1652</a>	Establishes a tax credit for licensing and malpractice insurance costs up to \$5,000 for dental providers who treat MaineCare patients. The bill requires DHHS to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, 17 Section 25, Dental Services and Reimbursement, to reimburse all dental services at 75% of the national state Medicaid rates and to provide reimbursement for all dental case management codes. It also requires the department to create 3 positions within the office of MaineCare services dedicated to the dental programs and services provided under the MaineCare program.	Stover	TAX					1/8/2025
tax	1694	An Act to Provide an Income Tax Credit for Certain Disaster Mitigation Projects for Working Waterfront Property	<a href="#">LD1694</a>	Provides a tax credit for taxpayers that undertake working waterfront disaster mitigation projects, such as the elevation of foundation walls, flood risk protection, shoreline stabilization and warning systems. The credit is equal to 30% of the cost of the qualifying working waterfront disaster mitigation project but may not exceed \$300,000. A business qualifies if it has \$47,000,000 or less in average annual gross receipts.	Rielly	TAX					1/8/2025
tax	1699	An Act to Create a Refundable Tax Credit for Agricultural Enterprises	<a href="#">LD1699</a>	Allows an agricultural enterprise to qualify for the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program, which provides an eligible business a tax credit for investments in plant, equipment, research and development, or working capital for the business or such other business activity as may be approved by FAME. The bill allows an agricultural enterprise determined eligible by the authority to qualify for a tax credit for investments made in infrastructure, not including real estate, but including any improvement that expands the marketing, production or processing of agricultural products, in addition to the qualifying investments that may be made by a business.	Pluecker	TAX					1/7/2025
tax	1735	An Act to Provide an Income Tax Deduction for Certain Contributions to a Qualified Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Account	<a href="#">LD1735</a>	Aligns the tax deductibility of contributions to a qualified ABLE program account with those made to a qualified tuition program established under Section 529 of the US Internal Revenue Code by allowing up to \$1,000 in contributions to be deductible from individual income tax.	Guerin	TAX					
tax	1755	An Act to Increase the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit in Rural Areas	<a href="#">LD1755</a>	Increases the historic properties tax credit available to eligible projects that are located in rural areas in this State and contain a housing component. The changes in the bill apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.	Supica	TAX					
tax	1865	Resolve, to Create a Tax Incentive Pilot Project to Encourage Businesses to Adopt a 4-day Workweek	<a href="#">LD1865</a>	Establishes the Four-day Workweek Pilot Project, administered by DOL, to promote, incentivize and support the use of a 4-day workweek by qualifying employers and to study the benefits and effects of a 4-day workweek on participating employees and employers. The pilot project is open to all private or public employers that have at least 15 employees, based on a selection process conducted by the department... The resolve establishes a tax credit for eligible employers participating in the pilot project. A participating employer that is certified as eligible, except for a public employer, is entitled to credit against income taxes owed by that employer in an amount determined by the department and the State Tax Assessor...	Bennett	TAX					
tax	1954	An Act to Lower Household Costs by Expanding the Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Grocery Staples Sold in Grocery Stores	<a href="#">LD1954</a>	Exempts from the sales tax, when sold in a grocery store, items for nourishment or products for internal human consumption such as prepared foods, including sandwiches and salads; supplemental meal items, such as pretzels, cheese sticks and dips; fruit bars and granola bars; nuts and seeds; and meat sticks. Liquor, water, medicine, dietary substitutes, candy, dessert and bakery items and cannabis remain subject to tax, regardless of where sold. "Grocery store" is defined to be a store primarily engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meats, fish and poultry and includes a convenience store, but does not include a separately owned eating establishment located within a grocery store.	Daughtry	TAX					1/13/2025
tax	1957	An Act to Promote Film Production in Maine	<a href="#">LD1957</a>	Repeals the law governing the certified visual media production tax credit. It increases reimbursements under the laws governing the visual media production reimbursement and places limits on those reimbursements. It changes the definition of "visual media production expense" and requires an applicant for a visual media production certificate to agree to withhold a percentage of payments made to an entity created to hire out the services of one individual.	Copeland	TAX					1/13/2025

**Bills Related to Past GOC Work and OPEGA Reports**

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<b>Beverage Container Redemption</b>											
bottle	2036	An Act to Clarify the Approval Process for and the Operation of the Commingling Program for the Management of Beverage Containers	<a href="#">LD2036</a>	Amends the laws governing the beverage container redemption program to provide that the operation plan for the management of beverage containers under a single commingling program submitted to DEP by the commingling cooperative must be designed to complete the transition from beverage container sorting by brand to sorting by material type no later than October 1, 2026, as long as at least 90% of the initiators of deposit included in the program have provided auditable beverage container sales data to the commingling cooperative by June 30, 2026. It also provides that the department's review of and determination of whether to approve or reject an operation plan submitted by the commingling cooperative is not a license or permit decision or other final action of the department and is not subject to the rules adopted by the department regarding processing of applications.	Campbell	ENR					
<b>Cannabis Policy</b>											
cannabis	584	An Act to Make the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy an Appointed Position Subject to Confirmation by the Legislature	<a href="#">LD584</a>	Provides that the Director of the OCP within DAFS is appointed by the Governor and that the appointment is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over cannabis matters and to confirmation by the Legislature... requires the Governor to appoint the Director ... no later than 60 days after the effective date of this legislation.	Hickman	VLA					
cannabis	948	An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis	<a href="#">LD948</a>	Increases the current limit under the medical cannabis laws to allow a caregiver to cultivate up to 60 mature cannabis plants, up to 120 immature cannabis plants, up to 1,000 square feet of mature plant canopy and up to 2,000 square feet of immature plant canopy. The bill also amends the medical cannabis and adult use cannabis laws to extend registration and license periods from one year to 2 and updates the license renewal process for registrants and licensees without any violations of those laws in the previous year to require only the payment of the license fee or registration fee to DAFS OCP for a new active license to be issued.	Pluecker	VLA					
cannabis	1365	An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges	<a href="#">LD1365</a>	Amends the Cannabis Legalization Act to authorize a municipality or other local government entity within the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State to adopt an ordinance providing licensing or other approval requirements applicable to cannabis hospitality lounges within the municipality or unorganized and deorganized area. The bill defines "cannabis hospitality lounge" as a location that is open to members of the public who are 21 years of age or older and is licensed or approved by a municipality or other local government entity within the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State where persons 21 years of age or older may consume adult use cannabis, adult use cannabis products and edible products that do not contain cannabis...	Boyer	VLA					
cannabis	1609	An Act to Prevent the Participation of Individuals and Companies Linked to Federally Recognized Criminal Organizations in the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Programs	<a href="#">LD1609</a>	Requires Office of Cannabis Policy to deny a license under the Cannabis Legalization Act to any person associated with organized crime as identified by state or federal law enforcement officers within the 5 years prior to application. It requires the office to deny a license to any person who operates a cannabis establishment at a physical location known to be associated with organized crime within the 5 years before the finding of the association as identified by state or federal law enforcement officers. It also requires the office to revoke, for a period of 5 years, a license currently held by a licensee if the person or the physical location of a licensed cannabis establishment is known to be associated with organized crime as identified by state or federal law enforcement officers. These requirements also apply to registrations issued under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.	Fredericks	VLA					
cannabis	1820	An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry	<a href="#">LD1820</a>	Amends the Cannabis Legalization Act and the laws governing personal adult use of cannabis by eliminating the individual identification card requirement for licensees, eliminating cannabis purchase limits, eliminating certain requirements regarding the inspection of licensed premises and eliminating certain cannabis and cannabis product labeling requirements. The bill amends certain provisions regarding cannabis delivery transactions, including allowing licensees to use the tracking system established by DAFS OCP to track delivery transactions and sales at specified events. The bill prohibits the OCP from requiring licensees to sign forms that require the licensees to waive certain rights protected under constitutional, statutory or common law privilege. The bill also clarifies excise tax laws as they apply to cannabis biomass.	Chapman	VLA					
cannabis	1847	An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group	<a href="#">LD1847</a>	Provides: 1. For the same testing and tracking provisions that are applied for adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to be applied for medical use cannabis and medical use cannabis products; 2. A requirement that a portion of the adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products excise and sales tax must be used to fund public health and safety campaigns related to the sale and use of medical use cannabis and medical use cannabis products; 3. That edible adult use cannabis products that are gummies must be blister packaged; and 4. For the establishment of a study group to examine youth consumption of medical use and adult use cannabis, including a study of data related to cannabis use of people under 21 years of age in the State, science concerning the effects of the use of cannabis on youth development and overall health, strategies to improve the quality, availability and transparency of data concerning cannabis use by people under 21 years of age in the State and an approach to regularly report to the Legislature on youth consumption of cannabis.	Graham	VLA					
cannabis	1942	An Act to Modify Taxes Applying to Adult Use Cannabis, Hemp and Hemp Products	<a href="#">LD1942</a>	Imposes a sales tax of 20% on hemp and hemp products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. It changes the percentage from 12% to 6% of the adult use cannabis sales tax and excise tax that is transferred to the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund. It changes the method of taxation of adult use cannabis products to 10% of the average wholesale price of adult use cannabis sold by a cultivation facility licensee to other licensees. It provides that an excise tax is not imposed on the sale or transfer of adult use cannabis between cultivation facilities and products manufacturing facilities. It changes payment of the adult use cannabis excise tax to a quarterly schedule.	Sayre	TAX					

### Dorothea Dix & Riverview Psychiatric Centers

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dd & rpc	579	An Act to Include Certain Mental Health Workers Under the 1998 Special Plan for Retirement	<a href="#">LD579</a>	Adds DHHS employees who provide direct care to persons in need of mental health services in a community-based or residential setting or to residents or patients of mental health institutions... or provide crisis outreach and crisis services to adults with developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities in a community-based or residential setting to the 1998 Special Plan for certain Maine PERS members.	Tipping	Labor				
dd & rpc	1281	An Act to Address the Safety of Nurses and Improve Patient Care by Enacting the Maine Quality Care Act	<a href="#">LD1281</a>	Establishes the Maine Quality Care Act to ensure adequate direct care registered nurse staffing assignments in health care facilities, including hospitals, freestanding emergency departments and ambulatory surgical facilities, and critical access hospitals to provide safe and effective patient care. It establishes minimum staffing requirements for direct care registered nurses based on patient care unit and patient needs, specifies the method to calculate a health care facility's compliance with the staffing requirements, protects direct care registered nurses from retaliation and includes notice, record-keeping and enforcement requirements.	Brenner	HHS				
<b>Maine Commission on Public Defense Services</b>										
mcpds	374	An Act to Provide Comparable Compensation and Benefits for Deputy and Assistant District Attorneys, Assistant Attorneys General and Public Defenders	<a href="#">LD374</a>	For purposes of compensation and benefits, deputy and assistant district attorneys must be treated comparably to assistant attorneys general and public defenders.	Rotundo	JUD				
mcpds	456	An Act to Improve Public Defense Services	<a href="#">LD456</a>	<i>concept draft</i>	Carney	JUD				
mcpds	884	Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law	<a href="#">LD884</a>	Requires the University of Maine System to establish within the law school a criminal justice legal aid clinic 3-year pilot project and provides one-time funding (\$1M) for that purpose. The resolve also requires the University of Maine System to submit interim and final reports on the project to the Legislature.	Ankeles	EDU				
mcpds	1022	An Act to Protect and Increase Access to Justice in Civil Legal Matters for Persons with Low Incomes	<a href="#">LD1022</a>	Provides for increases in the ongoing appropriation to the Judicial Department for civil legal services. The appropriation supplements existing revenue from ongoing sources and replaces one-time funding with additional ongoing revenue to be distributed to providers of civil legal services by determination of the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund Commission. The bill also provides an ongoing minimum amount to be appropriated annually to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund... (\$6.4M in 2025-26 and \$9.5M in 2026-27)	Carney	JUD				
mcpds	1706	An Act Regarding Notification of Appointment of Legal Representation for Indigent Clients in Custody	<a href="#">LD1706</a>	Requires assignment of competent defense counsel to an accused person who is indigent within 24 hours of such assignment if the accused is incarcerated.	Warren	JUD				
mcpds	2059	An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel and to Develop the Public Defender Office for Cumberland County	<a href="#">LD2059</a>	Provides one-time funding to the MCPDS to address the shortfall in funding available to compensate constitutionally and statutorily required assigned counsel in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. It also funds the establishment of a public defender office beginning April 1, 2026, designed to serve 30% of the criminal defendants entitled to indigent legal services in Cumberland County.	Carney	JUD				
<b>Maine Veterans' Homes</b>										
mvh	182	An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for the Maine Veterans' Homes on a Per Resident Basis	<a href="#">LD182</a>	Requires DHHS to establish reimbursement rates for MVH services covered by the MaineCare program. It requires MaineCare to reimburse veterans' facilities for covered services on a per resident daily rate basis that will reimburse the portion of the total MaineCare allowable cost of operating each veterans' facility attributable to the provision of services to residents who receive MaineCare benefits...	Supica	HHS				