

Governor's Biennial Budget Proposal

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"To further fulfill the State's commitment to vulnerable Maine people, \$6 million to fund Section 29 services for adults with developmental disabilities in their homes and communities, adding 30 more slots per month (biennial); and \$45 million for MaineCare rate increases for nursing facilities, residential facilities for children and older Mainers, services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and other providers as rates are renewed, per state and federal requirements (biennial);"

130th Maine State Legislature

First Regular Session Legislator Bill Requests (LR)

The following is a list of legislative requests that were received prior to cloture on December 18, 2020 with titles that suggest provisions that may impact on the IDD community.

Working titles are subject to change. Bill language is expected to be released later in the month.

For a full list of all LRs go to: <http://legislature.maine.gov/ros/130th-lists-of-bills/9712>

Rep. Alley, Robert of Beals

LR 1253 An Act To Increase Opportunities for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities To Participate in Moose Hunting

Rep. Andrews, John of Paris

LR 1175 An Act To Help Veterans Who Are Caregivers for Children with Special Needs To Optimize Their Respite Hours

Rep. Babbidge, Christopher of Kennebunk

LR 1513 An Act To Protect the Safety and Comfort of Elderly and Disabled Residents by Ensuring Backup Access to Electrical Power in Certain Facilities

Rep. Bailey, Kyle of Gorham

LR 1019 An Act To Create the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program

Sen. Baldacci, Joseph of Penobscot

LR 1516 An Act To Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Disabled Children in Maine

Rep. Bradstreet, Dick of Vassalboro

LR 988 An Act To Adjust the Minimum Wage by the Rate of Inflation Every 3 Years

LR 989 An Act To Cap a Minimum Wage Set by a Municipality at 115 Percent of the State Minimum Wage

LR 990 An Act To Protect Small Employers by Prohibiting Municipalities from Adopting Ordinances Regarding Employee Work Benefits Other Than Ordinances Regarding Minimum Wage Rates

Sen. Breen, Cathy of Cumberland

LR 387 An Act To Make Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

LR 388 An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

LR 397 An Act To Make Adjustments to General Fund Appropriations Related to the Supplemental Budget

LR 665 Resolve, To Ensure Access to Community Mental Health Services

LR 666 Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds

LR 1191 An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds

LR 1708 An Act To Exempt Paycheck Protection Program Loans from Taxation

LR 1779 An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

LR 1884 Resolve, To Support Early Intervention and Treatment of Mental Health Disorders

LR 1937 An Act To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Devise a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan Based on Current Needs and Services and To Meet Waiting Lists

Rep. Brennan, Michael of Portland

LR 277 An Act To Promote Immigrant Workforce Development and Community Integration

LR 1063 Resolve, To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs

Rep. Cardone, Barbara of Bangor

LR 646 An Act To Establish a Presumption of Entitlement to Counsel for a Person Who Is the Subject of an Adult Guardianship, Conservatorship or Other Protective Arrangement Proceeding

Sen. Claxton, Ned of Androscoggin

LR 859 An Act To Facilitate the Conversion of Children's Private Nonmedical Institutions to Qualified Residential Treatment Programs as Required by Federal Regulation

Rep. Cloutier, Kristen of Lewiston

LR 206 An Act To Provide a Tax Credit for Family Caregivers

LR 1095 An Act To Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce by Awarding Grants To Create Industry-specific English Language Acquisition and Workforce Training Programs and To Expand English Language Acquisition Instruction

Rep. Crafts, Lydia of Newcastle

LR 1888 An Act To Increase the Number of Courses Regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder That Count Toward Special Education Certification

Rep. Craven, Margaret of Lewiston

LR 887 An Act To Give Direct Service Providers Hazard Pay and To Pay Additional Pandemic Costs

LR 1036 An Act To Eliminate the Waiting List for Older and Disabled Residents Who Are Eligible To Receive Home-based Care

LR 1249 Resolve, To Identify the Needs of Long-term Care Family Caregivers

Sen. Curry, Chip of Waldo

LR 1199 An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Extending Voluntary Supports through 23 Years of Age

LR 1910 An Act To Ensure the Provision of Housing Navigation Services to Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

Sen. Diamond, Bill of Cumberland

LR 931 An Act To Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services

Rep. Dillingham, Kathleen of Oxford

LR 1673 An Act To Protect Persons with Disabilities

Rep. Fay, Jessica of Raymond

LR 440 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues (Ties rates to 125% of minimum wage)

LR 1623 Resolve, To Encourage Employment in the Direct Care Workforce

LR 1703 An Act To Provide Incentives to Unemployed Workers To Become Part of the Caregiver Workforce

Rep. Gramlich, Lori of Old Orchard Beach

LR 1492 Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Treat in Maine Those Children with Behavioral Health Needs Currently Treated Out-of-state

LR 1531 An Act To Clear Waiting Lists for and Ensure Timely Access to Mental Health Services for Maine Children

LR 1929 An Act To Ensure That Children Receive Behavioral Mental Health Services

Rep. Griffin, Abigail of Levant

LR 1427 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Work with the Department of Labor To Develop a Preapprenticeship Program and Career Ladder for the Direct Care Workforce

Sen. Guerin, Stacey of Penobscot

LR 538 An Act To Provide a Tax Break for Businesses That Employ People with Disabilities

Rep. Hepler, Allison of Woolwich

LR 485 An Act To Improve the Rights and Protections of Persons with Acquired Brain Injury

Sen. Keim, Lisa of Oxford

LR 235 An Act To Provide Services to Maine's Most Vulnerable Citizens

LR 1565 Resolve, To Increase Pay for Direct Care Workers

Rep. Lemelin, Michael of Chelsea

LR 1433 An Act To Proscribe Limits to Parents' Access to Their Minor Children and Adult Children with Disabilities

Rep. Libby, Laurel of Auburn

LR 1022 An Act To Reduce Health Care Worker Shortages

LR 1821 An Act To Require a Municipality That Raises the Minimum Wage within That Municipality To Be Financially Responsible for an Increase in MaineCare Rates Caused by the Increase in the Minimum Wage

Rep. Madigan, Colleen of Waterville

LR 621 An Act To Improve Behavioral Health Care for Children

LR 628 Resolve, To Address Inequities for Certain Direct Care Workers

LR 919 An Act To Enhance and Improve the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board and To Establish the Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel (OAB)

LR 1130 Resolve, To Enhance Access to Medication Management for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

LR 1179 An Act To Strengthen Supports for Families and Children through the Development and Implementation of a Prevention and Early Intervention Program

Sen. Maxmin, Chloe of Lincoln

LR 373 Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program

LR 1632 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Review of Rules Governing In-home Personal Care Assistance Services

Rep. McCrea, David of Fort Fairfield

LR 85 Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Personal Needs Allowances for Persons Residing in Long-term Care Facilities

Rep. McCreight, Jay of Harpswell

LR 17 An Act To Define the Term "Behavioral Health"

LR 301 An Act To Address Maine's Shortage of Behavioral Health Services for Minors

LR 637 An Act To Increase Broadband Access in Congregate Housing, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Other Contracted Living Situations

LR 1691 An Act To Address Behavioral Health Interventions Affecting Minors

Rep. Meyer, Michele of Eliot

LR 542 An Act To Improve and Modernize Home-based Care

LR 566 Resolve, Relating to Rule-making Authority To Ensure Continued Services for Children with Disabilities (Would make MaineCare Rules that impact 3-5 year old's / developmental pre-schools major substantive)

LR 1035 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Support the Needs of Individuals with Acute Mental Health Needs

LR 1677 An Act To Ensure Supports for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism with High Behavior Need (direct the state to create viable rate to support care and services for adults with complex behavioral needs)

LR 1800 An Act To Amend Laws Regarding Health and Human Services

Rep. Millett, Rebecca of Cape Elizabeth

LR 318 An Act To Improve Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions

LR 828 An Act To Keep All Maine Students Safe by Restricting the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools (Autism Society)

LR 857 An Act To Strengthen the Individualized Education Program Process

LR 1383 An Act To Appropriate Funds to Eliminate Waiting Lists for Home and Community-based Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Brain Injury and Other Related Conditions

Rep. Millett, Sawin of Waterford

LR 348 An Act To Propose a General Fund Bond Issue To Train Workers in High-demand Sectors and Support the State's 10-year Economic Plan Goal of Growing Wages by 10 Percent

LR 1040 An Act To Promote Whole-person Care and Fiscal Stability in the MaineCare Program

Rep. Morris, Joshua of Turner

LR 721 An Act To Promote Minimum Wage Consistency

Rep. Newman, Daniel of Belgrade

LR 1131 An Act To Give the State Sole Authority To Establish a Minimum Wage and Hazard Pay with Certain Exceptions

Rep. O'Connor, Beth of Berwick

LR 992 An Act Regarding Credible Allegations of Fraud by MaineCare Providers

Rep. Pebworth, Sarah of Blue Hill

LR 969 Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Coordination and Expansion of Services for Young Adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Barriers to Full Societal Inclusion

Rep. Perry, Anne of Calais

LR 920 An Act Regarding Telehealth

Rep. Pierce, Teresa of Falmouth

LR 431 An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

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Rep. Stearns, Paul of Guilford

LR 959 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Targeted Case Management Services To Reflect Inflation

Sen. Stewart, Trey of Aroostook

LR 350 An Act To Provide Medicaid Rate Increases for Professionals Working with Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities

LR 351 An Act To Expand and Promote Telehealth Services

LR 353 An Act To Create an Alert System To Notify the Public When a Person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability Is Missing

Rep. Stover, Holly of Boothbay

LR 457 An Act To Promote Cost-effectiveness in the MaineCare Program and Improve the Oral Health of Maine Children and Adults

LR 1033 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Adjust Reimbursement Rates for Some Home-based Services

Rep. Sylvester, Mike of Portland

LR 1783 An Act To Aid Workforce Development

LR 1948 An Act To Amend Certain Employment Laws To Help Frontline and Other Workers

Rep. Talbot Ross, Rachel of Portland

LR 55 An Act To Alleviate the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 and Public Health Outcomes

Rep. Tuell, Will of East Machias

LR 1016 An Act To Ease the Property Tax Burden by Authorizing Municipalities To Require Payments by Nonprofit Organizations

Sen. Vitelli, Eloise of Sagadahoc

LR 1171 An Act To Exempt MaineCare Appendix C Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Ta

ADDITIONAL BILLS for REVIEW

LR 1047 Rep Wiseman Increase safety in health care facilities.

LR 1885 Rep Grohoski Resident Representation on Board of Independent Living Facilities.

LR 1647 Sen Jackson ensure the viability of long term care during times of emergency.

LR 716 Craven Nursing facilities and Bed hold days reimbursement from Maine Care.

LR 858 Timberlake Sen Employee Health insurance as a fixed cost for Nursing Homes

LR 1172 Fecteau improve dental for kids and adults w/ low incomes.

LR 1279 Rep Warren Peer and Crisis response and to allow E911 to dispatch to the crisis system...

LR 1713 Rep Morales Crisis and E911

LR 499 Rep Stearns educational requirements for certain BHPs.

LR 613 Dillingham protect everyone during COVID