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Education

LD 873

Sen. Joseph Baldacci (D-Penobscot)

An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

This bill continues the program to allow a student to obtain a Department of Education diploma due to significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID27 19 pandemic, known as the "Maine Diploma" program.

Education and Cultural Affairs

Simon West

Oppose

PH 04/05/23

LD 948

Rep. Amanda Collamore (R-Pittsfield)

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.

Education and Cultural Affairs

Simon West

Support

PH 03/30/23

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	LD 951 Rep. Valli Geiger (D-Rockland)	An Act to Amend the State Education Funding Formula to Create Equity Between Municipalities by Adding Median Income to the Formula	This bill amends the calculation of the property fiscal capacity used in determining a municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 so that the land valuation and median income of a municipality are given equal weight.	Education and Cultural Affairs	Simon West	Monitor	
	LD 974 Rep. W. Crockett (D-Portland)	An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff	This bill provides that beginning October 1, 2023 and every January 1st thereafter, a school administrative unit must establish a minimum wage for educational technicians that is equal to 133% of the minimum wage established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 and a minimum wage for other school support staff that is equal to 125% of the minimum wage established in Title 26, section 664, subsection 1.	Education and Cultural Affairs	Simon West	Monitor	

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	LD 1020 Rep. Nathan Carlow (R-Bar Mills)	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Update Course Requirements for Certification of Industrial Arts Teachers and to Finally Adopt Major Substantive Rules	This resolve directs the Department of Education, no later than January 1, 2024, to update its rules for certification of kindergarten to grade 12 industrial arts or engineering and technology teachers to align the technical requirements for certification with course offerings of the University of Maine System and to allow licensed engineers to be eligible for certification as kindergarten to grade 12 industrial arts or engineering and technology teachers without being required to take the courses. The resolve also amends Resolve 2019, chapter 101 regarding final legislative approval of rules for credentialing education personnel to direct the department to finally adopt the rules no later than January 1, 2024.	Education and Cultural Affairs	Simon West	Support	PH 03/23/23
	LD 1053 Sen. Eric Brakey (R-Androscoggin)	An Act to Allow School Activity Buses for Public Schools	This bill allows public schools to use school activity buses, which are vehicles that have a capacity of 10 to 15 passengers and are used to transport students other than to and from home and school and that are exempt from school bus requirements. Current law allows only private schools to use school activity buses.	Education and Cultural Affairs	Simon West	Support	PH 03/29/23

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	LD 1158 Rep. Bruce White (D-Waterville)	An Act to Recognize the Critical Nature of Workforce Development Through Career and Technical Education by Establishing an Adjustment for Career and Technical Education Centers in the School Funding Formula	This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to calculate the per-pupil essential programs and services rate for career and technical education centers as the applicable per pupil rate multiplied by an adjustment calculated based on the costs of equipment and infrastructure, transportation and staffing.	Education and Cultural Affairs	Simon West	Support	
	LD 1164 Rep. Michael Brennan (D-Portland)	Emergency An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic	This bill continues the program to allow a student to obtain a Department of Education diploma due to significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, known as the "Maine Diploma" program.	Education and Cultural Affairs	Simon West	Oppose	PH 04/05/23
	LD 1169 Rep. Kristen Cloutier (D-Lewiston)	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program	This bill changes the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program to a grant program and increases the maximum allowable distribution of funds per applicant from \$700 to \$1,000.	Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Commerce	Simon West	Monitor	PH 04/04/23

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Health Care							
	LD 973 Rep. Lydia Crafts (D-Newcastle)	An Act to Create the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to cooperate with the Department of Labor to establish the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program to encourage employers to adopt practices that support employees who are in recovery for use of a dependency-related drug.	Health and Human Services	Peter Gore		
	LD 1041 Rep. Rebecca Millett (D-South Portland)	An Act to Ensure Dental Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities	This bill requires individual and group dental insurance policies, contracts and certificates that offer coverage for a dependent child to offer coverage for dependent children with disabilities who are unable to sustain themselves through employment in the same manner as for a dependent child on a parent's health insurance coverage. The bill requires that an insurer is required to offer coverage for a dependent child with a disability, at the option of the policyholder, contract holder or certificate holder, regardless of age.	Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Peter Gore		

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	LD 1085 Rep. Joshua Morris (R-North Turner)	An Act to Increase the Transparency of and Lower Health Care Costs	This bill makes the following changes to the law relating to the comparable health care incentive program.	Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Peter Gore		
	LD 1165 Rep. Margaret Craven (D-Lewiston)	An Act to Enhance Cost Savings to Consumers of Prescription Drugs	Among other things, this bill removes a provision that requires that compensation remitted by or on behalf of a pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer or labeler to a pharmacy benefits manager be remitted to the carrier if it is not remitted to the covered person.	Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Peter Gore		
	LD 1206 Rep. Kevin O'Connell (D-Brewer)	An Act to Create a Giant Program for Workplace Health and Safety Improvements	This bill requires the Department of Labor to administer a grant program and fund that provides up to \$5,000 for employers to pay for health and safety improvements at workplaces with 15 or fewer full-time employees and to provide resources to obtain health- related and safety related equipment and training.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		

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	LD 1220 Sen. Anne Carney (D-Cumberland)	An Act to Require Lyme Disease Vaccine Coverage for State Regulated Health Plans	This bill requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for vaccines for Lyme disease authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration. The requirements of the bill apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.	Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Peter Gore		
	LD 1252 Rep. Joshua Morris (R-North Turner)	An Act to Ensure Choices in Health Insurance Markets by Limiting the Requirement to Offer Clear Choice Design Health Plans	This bill limits the requirement for health insurance carriers to offer so-called clear choice design plans to individual health plans offered through the federally facilitated marketplace pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace.	Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Peter Gore		
	LD 1253 Rep. Joshua Morris (R-North Turner)	An Act to Maintain the Integrity of the Individual and Small Group Health Insurance Markets	This bill removes the requirement that individual and small group health plans must be offered through a pooled market.	Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Peter Gore		

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Insurance

LD 1057

Sen. Glenn Curry (D-Waldo)

An Act to Promot Consumer Protections in the Residential Building Sector by Requiring Contractors and Sub Contractors to Supply Evidence of Insurance

This bill requires a request for a permit for a residential building to be accompanied by either a certificate of insurance or other proof that the contractor and any subcontractor performing the work has contractor liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance or a waiver that indicates the property owner accepts responsibility for the increased risk of engaging a contractor or sub constructor without proof of insurance or workers compensation insurance.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Peter Gore

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Judiciary							
	LD 967 Rep. Randall Greenwood (R-Wales)	An Act to Strengthen Protections of Persons After a Maine Humna Rights Commission Investigation Finds no Reasonable Grounds Exist to Believe Unlawful Discrimination Occurred	This bill prohibits the Maine Human Rights Commission and commission staff from filing a civil action arising out of the facts and circumstances alleged in a complaint if the commission dismissed that complaint based on a finding that no reasonable grounds exist to believe that unlawful discrimination occurred.	Judiciary	Peter Gore		
	LD 1001 Concept Draft Rep. Stephen Moriarty (D-Cumberland)	An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Right to Sue Letters	This bill allows the Maine Human Rights Commission to issue a right-to-sue letter to a complainant without a request from the complainant on the 181st day after the complaint was filed with the commission and makes a conforming change.	Judiciary	Peter Gore		

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Labor

LD 723

Sen. Troy Jackson (D-Aroostook)

An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting Discrimination by Insurers Based on Certain Information

The bill would prohibit an insurer from using information disclosed in a consumer credit report to charge a higher premium rate based on the insured person's race, thnicity, religion, gender, income lack of credit history or zip code.

Labor and Housing

Peter Gore

LD 723

Sen. Matthea Daughtry (D-Cumberland)

An Act to Establish a Paid Family Medical Leave

The bill is a concept draft that would require the development and implementation of a paid family medical leave system.

Labor and Housing

Peter Gore

Monitor

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	LD 741 Sen. Michael Tipping (D-Penobscot)	An Act to Prohibit Training Repayment Agreements byb Employers	The bill specifies that an employer may not require an employee to enter into an agreement that requires the employee to reimburse the employer for training costs related to the employment if the employee leaves employment with that employer.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		
	LD 827 Rep. Mark Walker (R-Naples)	An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules	The bill would provide that an employee of a public or private employer may request a flexible work schedule for up to 6 months at a time and that the employer may not discipline an employee who requests a flexible work schedule.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore	Oppose	
	LD 841 Rep. Mark Walker (R-Naples)	An Act to Permit a Short Term Waiver From the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals	The bill would allow the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards to issue a special certificate to a chronically unemployed individual authorizing the individual to negotiate with prospective employers.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore	Oppose	

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	LD 855 Rep. Richard Bradstreet (R-Vassalboro)	An Act to Provide that the Minimum Wage Increases by the Rolling Average of the Cost of Living of the Previous 3 years.	The bill provides that beginning in 2026, the minimum wage increases by the average increase in the cost of living over the previous 3 years.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		
	LD 856 Rep. Laurie Osher (D-Orono)	An Act to Reduce Recurring Workplace Harrassment and to Provide Consequences for Serial Offenders	The bill is a concept draft that proposes to reduce workplace harassment and provide consequences for serial offenders.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		
	LD 868 Sen. Craig Hickman (D-Kennebec)	An Act to Extend the Protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to Actions that Cause Emotional Distress or Fear of Violence	The bill would strengthen the protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act by prohibiting a person from intentionally interfering or attempting to intentionally interfering with another person's exercise or enjoyment of that other person's civil rights by engaging in any course of conduct	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		

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	LD 961 Rep. Sophia Warren (D-Scarborough)	An Act Regarding the Right to Request Flexible Working Arrangements for Employees	This bill allows employees to request a flexible working arrangement from an employer up to twice per year. An employer must consider a request by an employee for a flexible working arrangement twice per year and discuss the flexible working arrangement with the employee in good faith.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		
	LD 998 Rep. Steven Foster (R-Dexter)	An Act to Remove the Cost of Living Adjustment From the Minimum Wage	This bill sets the minimum hourly wage at \$13.80 per hour and removes the requirement that each January 1st the minimum hourly wage be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. It also corrects provisions in law that reference the annual increase to the minimum hourly wage.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		
	LD 999 Rep. Kelly Murphy (D-Scarborough)	An act to Support Family Caregivers by Expanding Family Medical Leave	This bill adds grandparents and great-grandparents with a serious health condition to the list of persons related to an employee for whom family medical leave may be taken. It also provides that an employee may take family medical leave for any of the persons listed with a serious health condition who are related to the employee by blood, adoption, legal custody, marriage or domestic partnership.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		

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	LD 1050 Sen. Eric Brakey (R-Androscoggin)	Resolve Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers	This resolve directs the Commissioner of Labor to request a waiver from the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to allow an asylum seeker in the State, if the asylum seeker has applied for asylum and has not been denied, eligibility to work in the State for the 6-month period immediately after the asylum seeker has applied for asylum while awaiting a final determination on the asylum seeker's application and for the time period while an asylum seeker's work permit has expired and is pending renewal by the Federal Government.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		
	LD 1112 Rep. Jeffrey Adams (R-Lebanon)	An Act to Provide Workers Compensation for Temporary Employees	This bill provides that, for the purposes of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992, a person who works on a project or temporary basis for an employer pursuant to a contract with a temporary employment agency is an employee of the temporary employment agency and not an independent contractor.	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		

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	LD 1190 Sen. Michael Tipping (D-Penobscot)	An Act to Ensure a Fair Workweek by Requiring Notice of Work Schedules	This bill requires employers who employ 250 or more employees worldwide to provide hourly employees at least 2 weeks' prior notice of the employees' work schedules, with compensation owed for schedule changes under certain circumstances. The bill also requires these employers to keep certain business	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore	Oppose	
	LD 1239 Rep. Benjamin Collings (D-Portland)	An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote	This bill designates Election Day, the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in an even-numbered year, as a state holiday. It also establishes a requirement that employers provide an employee 3 consecutive hours in which to vote on the day of the general election.	State and Local Government	Peter Gore	Oppose	
	LD 1260 Rep. Morgan Rielly (D-Westbrook)	Resolve to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State	This resolve requires the Secretary of State to study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters and of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service from the Department	State and Local Government	Peter Gore		

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	LD 1272 Sen. Trey Stewart (R-Aroostook)	An Act to Index Unemployment Benefits to the Unemployment Rate	This bill renames the Employment Security Law the Reemployment Assistance Program and establishes the maximum amount of unemployment benefits at 12 weeks if the State's average unemployment rate is 5.5% or below, with an additional week added for every 0.5% the rate is above 5.5%	Labor and Housing	Peter Gore		

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Taxation							
	LD 1182 Rep. Suzanne Salisbury (D-Westbrook)	An Act to Make Revisions to the Tax Increment Financing and Developmemnt District Laws	The bill would amend the laws governing TIF districts by removing the requirement the the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and DOT review proposals for the designation of downtown TIF disRICTS.	Taxation	Linda Caprara	Monitor	
	LD 1198 Rep. H. Millett (R-Waterford)	Resolve Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Convene a Working Group to Improve the State's 10 year Economic Development Strategy	The bill would direct DECD Commissioner to convene a working group to development a plan to improve the State's 10 year economic development strategy.	Taxation	Linda Caprara	Monitor	

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	LD 1212 Sen. Joseph Baldacci (D-Penobscot)	Resolve the Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax	The resolve would rerquire the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Maine Revenue Services to conduct a study on the effects of the seasonal sales tax	Taxation	Linda Caprara		
	LD 1212 Sen. Joseph Baldacci (D-Penobscot)	Resolve to Study the Economic Effects of Instituting a Seasonal Sales Tax	The bill would reduce the invidual income tax by reducing the rate of tax on the first income tax brackett from 5.8% to 2.9%, the rate of tax on the second brackett from 6.75% to 5% and the rate on the third brackett from 7.15% to 7%.	Taxation	Linda Caprara		
	LD 1222 Sen. Trey Stewart (R-Aroostook)	An Act to Expand Child Care Services Through an Employer Supported Tax Credit	The bill would provide a refundable tax credit for employer that pays for or provides in kind resources for child care for the children of its employees. The credit is limited to 50% of the amount expended or \$3,000 per child.	Taxation	Linda Caprara	Support	

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	LD 1225 Rep. Margaret O'Neil (D-Saco)	An Act to Protect Housing by Increasing the Property Tax Fairness Credit	The bill would increase the maximum property tax fairness credit from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for residents under 65 years of age and from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for residents over 65 years of age for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.	Taxation	Linda Caprara	Monitor	
	LD 1231 Concept Draft Rep. Meldon Carmichael (R-Greenbush)	An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets	This bill is a concept draft.	Taxation	Linda Caprara	Monitor	
	LD 1276 Sen. Cameron Reny (D-Lincoln)	An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee owned Businesses	The bill makes changes to the laws governing employee owned businesses and cooperatives.	Taxation	Linda Caprara	Monitor	

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Workforce Development

LD 931

Rep. Daniel Sayre (D-Kennebunk)

An Act to Expand the State's Workforce by Supporting the Transition from Incarceration to Employment

This bill proposes to charge the State Workforce Board with the responsibility of preparing a plan to expand the State's current workforce development programming for incarcerated persons and persons reentering the community after incarceration in consultation with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Labor in calendar year 2023. The responsibility for execution of this plan would rest with those departments beginning January 1, 2024.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Simon West

Support

LD 1031

Rep. Raegan LaRochelle (D-Augusta)

Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its child care subsidy program rules to expand eligibility and increase the parent fee.

Health and Human Services

Simon West

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