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1738	2745	An Act To Permit the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in an Area That Is Not Contiguous to Licensed Premises	Alcohol	Deschambault	VLA	This bill allows the sale of alcohol to persons who are on municipally owned property that is not contiguous to the licensed premises of a person licensed to sell spirits, wine or malt liquor for on-premises consumption as long as certain conditions are met, such as approval by the municipality... The amendment clarifies that noncontiguous real estate near an establishment licensed for the sale of liquor for consumption on the premises that is approved by the DAFS as a proper place for exercise of the licensee's privilege is considered part of the licensed premises. The amendment also clarifies that only an employee of the licensed establishment may transport liquor between the licensed establishment and the noncontiguous real estate.	Support	1/16/18 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH	1/24/18 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/14/18 Public Law Ch. 337
140	649	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Entrepreneurial Activity, Attract Business and Enhance Demographic In-migration by Investing in High-speed Broadband Infrastructure and To Amend the Law Governing the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund (Bond Issue)	Bond	Higgins	EUT	\$10,000,000, to be allocated to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund and distributed by the ConnectME Authority through implementation grants in order to expand high-speed broadband Internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas. Part B of the bill limits the use of the funds under Part A to implementation grants awarded from the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund and requires the grants to be expended on open-access nondiscriminatory broadband infrastructure in unserved or underserved areas. Part C of the bill amends the laws establishing the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund to require planning grant applicants to plan for postconstruction operation and maintenance. etc.	Monitor		2/8/18 2:00 PM Rm 211 COB	DEAD

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178	1932	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Jobs, Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water Resources (Bond Issue)	Bond	Black	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to provide funding for cost sharing of at least 50% on projects that correct downstream pollution issues and provide contractor jobs and public safety improvements through improved storm water management and improved water quality.	Monitor	01/09/18 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		
318	1406	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Economic Development with High-Resolution Geospatial Data (Bond Issue)	Bond	Saviello	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide partnership funds and matching grants for geospatial data acquisition to communities that are creating or improving digital parcel maps to accurately identify existing boundaries and land use, identify potential community development areas and protect environmental resources.	Monitor	1/10/18 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH		
319	2104	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development (Bond Issue)	Bond	Deschambault	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to fund a grant program to invest in projects along the State's rivers that contribute to economic, environmental and community development and revitalization, promote economic activity, protect the environment and enhance quality of life for Maine people.	Monitor	1/9/18 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		
955	821	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund (Bond Issue)	Bond	Deschambault	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide funds to recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure.	Monitor	1/9/18 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		
1118	1985	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Local Infrastructure (Bond Issue)	Bond	Herbig	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to provide funding to the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to support local infrastructure projects.	Support	1/9/18 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		

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1815	2881	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Multimodal Facilities, Highways and Bridges (Governor's Bill)(Bond Issue)	Bond	Hamper	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds.	Outcome only	2/15/18 2:00 PM Rm 228 SH		
1883	2937	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen School Security (Bond issue)	Bond	Corey	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to strengthen school security. The bill establishes the Maine School Security Enhancement Fund to provide loans to school administrative units to enhance security in schools and provides \$19,500,000 to the fund for this purpose. The bill also creates a school safety center within the Department of Education and provides \$500,000 for this purpose.		3/29/18 2:30 PM Rm 228 SH		

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1472	1486	An Act To Lower the Costs of Broadband Service by Coordinating the Installation of Broadband Infrastructure	Broadband	McLean	EUT	This bill requires public entities constructing or causing to be constructed certain construction projects to install or cause to be installed broadband conduit as part of the construction project. Construction projects covered include projects to construct new or replace existing water or sewer lines in the right-of-way of a highway or public road; to construct a new highway or public road; or to construct or relocate an additional lane or shoulder for an existing highway or public road. The bill authorizes public entities to lease the installed broadband conduit to broadband providers to install fiber-optic or other cables that support broadband and wireless facilities for broadband service. The bill directs the ConnectME Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, to provide technical and educational assistance and requires the ConnectME Authority to maintain a map of broadband conduit installation in the State.	Monitor		2/8/18 2:00 PM Rm 211 COB	3/28/18 Public Law Ch. 344
1690	2613	An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine and Modify the Process for Issuing Utility Facility Location Permits	Broadband	Wadsworth	EUT	This bill changes the process for siting small cell facilities in order to facilitate wireless broadband deployment, including: 1. Through modifications to the process for issuing utility facility location permits, including small cell facility location permits; 2. Through the establishment of standards governing local land use ordinances applicable to the siting of small cell facilities; and 3. Through the establishment of standards governing the collocation of small cell facilities on poles owned by the State, an agency, a county, a municipality or a district.	Oppose testify	1/18/18 2:00 PM Rm 211 COB	1/24/18 10:00 AM Rm 211 COB	DEAD

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1897	2968	An Act To Reinstate Certain Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services	Budget	Moonen	JUD	This bill allocates funds from the reimbursement of counsel fees paid by indigent legal services recipients and the payment of conference and training fees by attorneys, which were inadvertently omitted from the biennial budget.				
1783	2801	An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs (Governor's Bill)	Drugs	Gerrish	CJPS	This bill makes aggravated trafficking in fentanyl powder a Class A crime.	Support	2/5/18 9:00 AM Rm 436 SH	Work session reconsidered 4/5/18	MAJ: OTP (11) MIN: ABSENT: (2) 3/5/18

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1566	561	An Act To Enact the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act	Employment	Talbot Ross	LCRD	This bill enacts the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act and adds restrictions to the use of criminal history information in the context of employment decisions by private employers and the State and its political subdivisions and of licensing decisions by licensing agencies. It prohibits an employer from asking an applicant for employment to disclose information concerning the applicant's criminal history, or considering such information, until after the applicant has received a conditional offer of employment. It restricts the way a private employer, or the State and its political subdivisions, may use criminal history information in the course of making employment decisions and adds similar restrictions to the existing restrictions applicable to licensing agencies' consideration of criminal history information. It also makes certain criminal history information in the possession of the State and its political subdivisions confidential and makes all criminal background check information obtained by the State in connection with an employment decision confidential. The Maine Human Rights Commission is charged with enforcement of the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act and may seek civil penalties against a private employer for a violation of \$1,000 for the first violation and \$2,000 for each subsequent violation. The bill also creates a private right of action that may be brought by an affected individual against a private employer that	Leg Cmte to discuss 2/16/18		2/6/18 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/30/18 Voted 2/6/18 11/2 in favor. Divided Rpt

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1095	420	An Act To Establish the Maine Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission	Environment	Blume	ENR	This bill establishes the Maine Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission, the purpose of which is to make findings and develop and submit to the Legislature recommendations regarding the actions to be taken by the State to address and prepare for coastal and coastal watershed hazards identified by the commission, including, but not limited to, increased storm surges, extreme precipitation and other extreme weather events, projected sea level rise and increased river flooding and storm water runoff. On or before November 1, 2019, and every 5 years thereafter, the commission must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters containing its findings and recommendations, including any draft legislation to address identified coastal and coastal watershed hazards.	Monitor		Work session reconsidered 2/15/18	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/2/18
1853	2827	An Act To Ensure the Safe and Consistent Regulation of Pesticides throughout the State by Providing Exemptions to Municipal Ordinances That Regulate Pesticides (Governor's Bill)	Environment	Saviello	ACF	This bill provides that municipal ordinances that regulate the use of pesticides do not apply to commercial applicators and spray contracting firms and to private applicators when the private applicators are producing agricultural or horticultural commodities.		3/21/18 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB	3/21/18 9:30 AM Rm 214 COB	DEAD

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1884	2943	An Act To Create a Community Protection Order To Allow Courts To Prevent High-risk Individuals from Possessing Firearms	Firearms	Dion	JUD	This bill creates a community protection order to authorize a court to order a person to surrender that person's firearms temporarily for 21 days or on an extended basis for 180 days when it has been proved that the person poses a danger of causing personal injury to that person or another person. The bill provides that: 1. A law enforcement officer or a family or household member may file a petition for a temporary community protection order, which expires in 21 days. A temporary community protection order may be issued on an ex parte basis. The court is required to hold a hearing to determine if the temporary community protection order should be extended for an additional 180 days; 2. A person who is the subject of a community protection order is required to surrender all firearms in the person's possession to a law enforcement officer. The firearms must be returned to the person at the expiration of the community protection order; and 3. A person who possesses firearms in violation of a community protection order commits a Class D crime. Part of the sentence must include a prohibition on possession of firearms for an additional 2 years.		4/3/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	4/12/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	

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1109	1843	An Act To Establish Homelessness as an Emergency in the General Assistance Laws (Title change)	GA	Chipman	HHS	This bill amends the municipal general assistance laws to provide a different method of determining the residence of an applicant and the municipality responsible for providing general assistance to that applicant, including an applicant relocating from another municipality. The bill provides that the municipality of record, which is defined as the municipality in which the applicant resided immediately prior to applying for assistance, is the responsible municipality.	Support		2/20/18 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	A:OTP-AM (7) B:OTP-AM (4) C:ONTP (2) Reported out 3/22/18 Sponsor and COP worked with GA admins, MMA & analyst on Amendment defining homelessness from meeting with GA admins
691	115	An Act To Prevent Lead Poisoning in Children (Emergency)	Health	Golden	HHS	This bill provides that as part of the Department of Health and Human Services' educational and publicity program concerning lead poisoning, the home visiting program established by the department is required to provide free home lead test kits to parents of young children living in homes built before 1978.	Support		2/12/18 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB	DEAD
1707	2750	An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases (Emergency)	Health	Vachon	HHS	This bill provides funds to support hypodermic apparatus, or syringe, exchange programs.	Support	1/17/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	2/1/18 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM (9) MIN: ONTP (4) Reported out 2/21/18

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1870	2729	An Act To Reorganize the Provision of Services for Children with Disabilities from Birth to 5 Years of Age	Health	Langley	ECA	Over a 2-year transition period, this bill moves responsibility for providing special education and related services for children who are at least 3 years of age and under 6 years of age from the Child Development Services System, state intermediate educational unit to the school administrative units of residence of the children. Under the bill, beginning July 1, 2018, a school administrative unit that is the unit of residence for a child with a disability who is at least 3 years of age and under 6 years of age may become responsible for providing special education and related services to that child through the implementation of an early adopter program. The bill amends several sections of law by removing references to the Child Development Services System. This bill eliminates the Child Development Services System and moves the entire responsibility for providing services to children from birth to under 3 years of age to the Department of Education's office of special services. The funding plan continues the present arrangement of full responsibility for costs being shared by state funds, federal funds, the MaineCare program and private insurers. The intent of the changes to the Child Development Services System statutes are based on the belief that children with disabilities are best served by their local communities; children do better when there are fewer transition points; there are efficiencies that can be achieved by eliminating duplicative state		3/26/18 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	4/3/18 2:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 4/4/18 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out

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1874	2956	Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Provision of Services to Maine Children and Families (Emergency) (After Deadline)	Health	Beebe-Center	HHS	This resolve prohibits, until April 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services from reducing, eliminating or redirecting services or funding relating to programs designed to protect children and families. The resolve also prohibits the department from cancelling contracts awarded pursuant to RFP number 201509167, Community Partnerships for Protecting Children, and requires the department to renew those contracts.		3/23/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	Work session reconsidered 4/3/18	Voted 4/3/18 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out
1889	2989	An Act To Increase Safety for Maine Citizens by Amending the Definition of "Likelihood of Serious Harm" in the Laws Governing Mental Health and Hospitalization To Include Consideration of a Person's Potential for Future Serious Harm	Health	Malaby	JUD	Under current law, for the purpose of admission to a progressive treatment program a determination that a person poses a likelihood of serious harm takes into consideration the likelihood that a person's mental health will deteriorate and that the person will in the foreseeable future pose a likelihood of serious harm. This bill expands the definition of "likelihood of serious harm" to apply those same considerations for purposes other than admission to a progressive treatment program.		4/4/18 1:30 PM Rm 438 SH	4/12/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	
1899	3001	Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Submit a State Plan Amendment Regarding Assets in Retirement and Education Accounts (Governor's Bill)	Health	Casas	HHS	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare and submit a state plan amendment to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in order to make a change in Medicaid eligibility requirements for individuals with disabilities who are living with dependent children by disregarding assets held in qualifying retirement and education accounts.		4/6/18 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB	4/6/18 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 4/6/18 OTP-AM Not rpt out

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1542	568	An Act To Support Lead Abatement in Older Residential Properties	Housing	Golden	LCRD	This bill establishes a residential housing lead abatement program, administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to municipalities that have administered a lead abatement program and to housing units and housing projects that meet specified eligibility standards. Priority for lead abatement projects funded by the program is given to residences occupied by children who have tested positive for lead poisoning. The program is funded by a real estate transfer tax surtax of \$0.30 per \$500 of the value of property transferred by deed or property in which a controlling interest is transferred.	Support		2/13/18 Work session reconsidered Amendment review: 2/27/18 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/5/18
1877	2973	An Act To Expand the Areas Subject to Municipal Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders (Governor's Bill)	Housing	Martin	SLG	Current law allows a municipality to prohibit a sex offender from residing within 750 feet of municipally owned or state-owned property that is leased to a nonprofit organization for use as a park, athletic field or recreational facility open to the public where children are the primary users. This bill allows a municipality to prohibit a sex offender from residing within 750 feet of any municipally owned or state-owned property, regardless of its use.		3/28/18 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	3/28/18 1:30 PM Rm 214 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 4/3/18

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1833	2883	An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities (Governor's Bill)	Immigration	Lockman	JUD	"Sanctuary City" bill. This bill establishes prohibitions concerning restricting the sharing and use of immigration and citizenship information. It prohibits restricting the enforcement of federal immigration law. It establishes a complaint process and a duty to report. This bill also provides that if the Attorney General, upon investigation, determines that a government entity is violating these prohibitions, the Attorney General must issue an opinion stating that finding. The government entity has 30 days to appeal the finding to the Superior Court. If the Superior Court agrees with the Attorney General, the court must immediately enjoin the policy or practice. The government entity that continues the policy or practice is subject to a \$500 fine for each day the policy or practice remains in effect. If the Superior Court disagrees with the Attorney General, the Attorney General must immediately certify that the government entity is in compliance with the law.	Oppose	3/15/18 1:30 PM Rm 438 SH	3/20/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	MAJ: ONTP (7) MIN: OTP-AM (6) Reported out 4/6/18

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1873	2934	An Act To Align State-funded Benefits with Federal Eligibility Standards (Governor's Bill)	Immigration	Sanderson	HHS	Part A of this bill does the following: 1. It repeals the provision that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a food supplement program benefit to noncitizens who would be eligible for federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits but for their status as aliens under the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; 2. It repeals the provision that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide state supplemental security income for noncitizens who would be eligible for federal supplemental security income but for their status as aliens under the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; 3. It repeals the provision that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide financial assistance to individuals who would be eligible for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families benefits but for their status as aliens under the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; and 4. It includes an appropriations and allocations section. Part B of this bill does the following: 1. It amends the definition of "eligible person" in the municipal general assistance laws to repeal the provision in state law that affirmatively provides that a person who is lawfully present in the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief is eligible for municipal general assistance for up to 24 months and				

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1893	2982	An Act To Ensure Fair Employment Opportunity for Maine Citizens and Legal Residents by Requiring the Use of a Federal Immigration Verification System (Governor's Bill)	Immigration	Lockman	LCRD	This bill requires every public employer and public contractor to register with and use a federal immigration verification system, currently known as E-Verify, to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State.				
238	186	An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	Marij	Brakey	HHS	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.	Monitor	1/10/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	3/7/18 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 3/7/18 OTP-AM Not rpt out
411	1728	An Act To Add Addiction to or Dependency on Opiates or Prescription Drugs to the List of Qualifying Conditions for Medical Marijuana	Marij	Brakey	HHS	This bill adds addiction to or dependency on opiates or prescription drugs to the list of qualifying conditions for medical marijuana.	Monitor	1/10/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	3/7/18 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	DEAD
433	1285	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Apply a Local Option Sales Tax to the Sale of Marijuana	Marij	Rykerson	MLI	This bill allows a municipality that approves the location of a retail marijuana store or a retail marijuana social club to impose a local option sales tax. Revenue from the local option sales tax after deduction for the cost of state administration is distributed to the municipality.	Monitor			DEAD
762	2138	An Act To Allow a Percentage of Funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund To Fund Health Care Research	Marij	Sanderson	HHS	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to dedicate a percentage of the funds derived from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430 to a medical marijuana research fund. Under the bill, hospitals and other health care facilities may apply for grants to fund research proposals to study the medical efficacy of medical marijuana.	Monitor	1/10/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	3/7/18 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	DEAD

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1098	2149	An Act To Ensure Reasonable Accommodations for Children for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended	Marij	Sanderson	HHS	Current law allows the primary caregiver of a child for whom medical marijuana has been recommended to possess and administer the marijuana on school grounds. This bill allows a medical provider with whom the child has a bona fide relationship to possess and administer marijuana on school grounds.	Monitor	1/10/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	3/7/18 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	DEAD

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1135	1506	An Act To Strengthen the Efficacy of the Medical Marijuana Laws	Marij	Chace	HHS	This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act: 1. The limit on the number of qualifying patients a primary caregiver may assist is clarified to be for a period of one calendar month or more; 2. The definition of a collective is strengthened; 3. The penalties for participation in a collective are enhanced; 4. A level of local control is provided by allowing a municipality to limit the number of primary caregivers that may operate within that municipality and allowing for enactment of reasonable municipal regulations applicable to primary caregivers; 5. The confidentiality provisions of primary caregivers are removed; 6. A primary caregiver and a registered dispensary are subject to fines for violations of the provisions of the Act or for failing to register as a primary caregiver or dispensary; 7. Fines prescribed for violations of the Act are mandatory; 8. The Office of the Attorney General may seek an injunction to require a registered primary caregiver, a registered dispensary, a person who fails to register as a primary caregiver and who engages in conduct that is only authorized for a registered primary caregiver or a person or entity that fails to register as a dispensary and that engages in conduct that is only authorized for a registered dispensary to comply with the Act. The District Court may order the registered primary caregiver, the registered dispensary or the person or entity to pay the costs of the investigation and the costs of suit,	Monitor	1/10/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	3/7/18 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	DEAD

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1527	1974	An Act To Ensure Safety, Quality and Transparency in the Medical Marijuana Market and To Ensure Sufficient Funding for Regulation and Enforcement with Respect to the Retail Marijuana Industry	Marij	Perry	MLI	This bill amends the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act in the following ways. 1. It imposes mandatory testing, labeling and record-keeping requirements on registered dispensaries. It provides that registered dispensaries are subject to inspection by the local fire department, building inspector or code enforcement officer to confirm that no health or safety concerns are present and that local health and safety ordinances apply to registered dispensaries. 2. It imposes mandatory testing, labeling and record-keeping requirements on registered primary caregivers. It provides that registered primary caregivers are subject to inspection by the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure regulatory compliance. It provides that registered primary caregivers are subject to inspection by the local fire department, building inspector or code enforcement officer to confirm that no health or safety concerns are present and that local health and safety ordinances apply to registered primary caregivers. 3. It provides that mandatory testing of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products may be conducted by testing facilities licensed under either the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act or the Marijuana Legalization Act. 4. It imposes a special tax of 20% on retail marijuana and retail marijuana products sold by retail marijuana stores and retail marijuana social clubs to ensure that the tax revenue generated is sufficient to fund enforcement	Monitor	1/10/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	3/23/18 11:00 AM Rm 209 COB	DEAD

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1539	1833	An Act To Amend Maine's Medical Marijuana Law	Marij	Sanderson	HHS	This bill amends the laws governing the cultivation, possession and use of medical marijuana. It: 1. Amends definitions to add terms and to expand upon or provide clarity for existing terms; 2. Amends the qualifying condition of intractable pain to include pain that a medical provider determines is not managed effectively by prescription narcotics and allows a medical provider the discretion to issue a written certification for any medical condition that the physician believes may be alleviated by the patient's using marijuana for medical use. It also requires consultation with a minimum of 3 medical professionals, one of whom may be selected by the petitioner, prior to accepting or denying a petition to add a debilitating medical condition as a qualifying condition; 3. Replaces the limit of 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana that may be dispensed to a qualifying patient who is a Maine resident during a 15-day period with a limit of no more than 2 pounds in one transfer; 4. Allows a qualifying patient who is cultivating marijuana to furnish seeds and plants to another qualifying patient; 5. Permits a qualifying patient to designate more than one primary caregiver to assist the patient; the additional primary caregivers may not cultivate marijuana for the patient; 6. Prohibits a visiting qualifying patient, who is not a resident of Maine, from cultivating marijuana; 7. Permits a primary caregiver designated to cultivate marijuana to furnish seeds and plants to an authorized person; 8. Increases	monitor	1/10/18 9:30 AM Rm 209 COB	3/7/18 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 3/29/18 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out

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1719	2805	An Act To Implement a Regulatory Structure for Adult Use Marijuana (After Deadline) (Emergency)	Marij	Pierce	MLI	This bill, which is an emergency bill, facilitates the development and administration of a regulated marketplace in the State for adult use marijuana and the regulation of the personal use of marijuana and the home cultivation of marijuana for personal adult use pursuant to the Marijuana Legalization Act, as approved by the voters at referendum in November 2016.	Monitor	1/9/18 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Work session reconsidered 4/3/18	Voted 4/3/18 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out
1811	2887	An Act Regarding Rules Governing the Medical Use of Marijuana Program	Marij	Hymanson	HHS	This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from adopting or enforcing rules that are not identical in substance to the rules in effect on January 31, 2018 governing the medical use of marijuana. The prohibition is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. The bill further directs the department to adopt rules governing the medical use of marijuana program that are identical in substance to the rules in effect on January 31, 2018 within 2 business days of the effective date of the enactment of this legislation.	Monitor			
1821	2889	An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Freedom of Access Training for Public Officials	RTK	Moonen	JUD	Current law requires officials elected to certain positions to complete training on the requirements of the Freedom of Access Act but does not require officials appointed to those positions to complete that training. This bill implements the recommendation of the Right To Know Advisory Committee that appointed officials also be required to complete the training.		2/22/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	2/27/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/23/18

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1831	2891	An Act Concerning Remote Participation in Public Proceedings	RTK	Moonen	JUD	This bill is in response to recommendations contained in the Right To Know Advisory Committee's 12th annual report concerning remote participation in public proceedings by members of public bodies that are subject to the Freedom of Access Act. The bill expressly prohibits a member of a body subject to the Freedom of Access Act from participating in the body's public proceedings if the member is not physically present. Part A prohibits a member of a public body from participating in a public proceeding when that member is not physically present at the location of the public proceeding as indicated in the required public notice. The members of 7 specific public bodies are currently statutorily authorized to participate remotely in the public proceedings of those bodies, and they may continue to do so as long as the statutes still authorize such participation. The 7 bodies are the Finance Authority of Maine, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, the Maine State Housing Authority, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the Workers' Compensation Board. Part B amends the statutes enabling remote participation for the 7 bodies to repeal the authorization for remote participation July 1, 2020. Part C amends the Freedom of Access Act to require the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters to conduct a review	Outcome only	2/22/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	2/27/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM (10) MIN: ONTP (3) Reported out 4/5/18

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1832	2890	An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation	RTK	Moonen	JUD	This bill implements the recommendation of the Right To Know Advisory Committee to clarify when members of public bodies may participate remotely in public proceedings of those bodies. The bill prohibits a body subject to the Freedom of Access Act from allowing its members to participate in its public proceedings through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of communication unless the body has adopted a written policy that authorizes remote participation in a manner that allows all members to simultaneously hear and speak to each other during the public proceeding and allows members of the public attending the public proceeding at the location identified in the meeting notice to hear all members of the body. If the policy allows remote participation in executive sessions, the policy must establish procedures and requirements that ensure the privacy of the executive session. The bill requires a quorum of the body to be physically present at the location identified in the meeting notice unless immediate action is imperative and physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practicable within the period of time requiring action. The bill requires that each member participating remotely identify all persons present at the remote location, that all votes be taken by roll call and that members participating remotely receive documents or other materials presented or discussed at the public proceeding in advance or when made available at the	Outcome only	2/22/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	2/27/18 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Voted 2/27/18 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out

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816	1526	An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children	School	Breen	ECA	This bill directs the State to fund the difference between the federal reimbursements for reduced-price and free lunches in order to provide all children under 185% of the federal poverty level free lunch at school.	Support			Carried Over 8/2/17
1710	2456	An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers (Emergency)	School	Handy	HHS	This bill restores funding to Maine's school-based health centers to the level of funding provided in fiscal year 2016-17. Amended to one time funding?	Support	1/18/18 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	2/1/18 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM (8) MIN: ONTP (5) Reported out 3/7/18
1761	2497	An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property	School	Martin	ECA	This bill provides that the prohibition in current law on the possession of a firearm on public school property or the property of an approved private school does not apply to a person who possesses a firearm in a motor vehicle as long as the person is dropping off or picking up a student and remains in the vehicle and, in accordance with the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, the firearm is not loaded and is in either a locked container or a locked firearms rack.	Oppose	1/24/18 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	2/28/18 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB	DEAD

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1902	2942	An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services	School	Kornfield	ECA	This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2017, chapter 26, section 7. The bill includes certain recommendations proposed in the report submitted by the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services established for consideration by the 128th Legislature. The joint standing committee has not taken a position on the substance of the report or this bill; and by submitting this bill the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect of the recommendations and the necessary changes to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A included in the report or this bill. The joint standing committee is submitting the bill for the sole purpose of turning certain proposals in the report into a printed bill that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course of business. The joint standing committee is taking this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review of the proposals included in the report submitted by the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services.		4/11/18 2:00 PM Rm 202 COB	4/13/18 1:30 PM Rm 202 COB	
143	1154	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund (Bond Issue) (Title change)	School Funding	Farnsworth	AFA	This bill provides funds to be used to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and for other necessary repairs approved by the Commissioner of Education.	Monitor			Carried Over 8/2/17

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1331	701	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund (Bond Issue)	School Funding	Ginzler	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools for renovation and capital repairs.	Support	1/11/18 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		
1843	2731	An Act To Amend Career and Technical Education Statutes	School Funding	Langley	ECA	This bill amends the current calculation of state subsidy for career and technical education from an expenditure-driven model to a cost model to recognize current costs of direct instruction, operation of facilities and student and administrative support. The bill also changes the subsidy payment for satellite programs and career and technical education regions and establishes funding provisions for the operation of career and technical education middle school programs through authorization of pilot programs.		3/19/18 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	3/21/18 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/21/18 OTP-AM Not rpt out
1858	2949	An Act To Include Security Installations and Upgrades in Maine's School Revolving Renovation Fund	School Funding	Millett	ENR	This bill amends the law governing the School Revolving Renovation Fund to specify that Priority 1 status loans made to school administrative units for school repair and renovation include loans for the installations or improvements necessary to increase school facility security.		3/19/18 11:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/21/18 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB	OTP Reported out 3/23/18
1869	2728	An Act To Establish the Total Cost of Education and the State and Local Contributions to Education for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and To Provide That Employees of School Management and Leadership Centers Are Eligible To Participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	School Funding	Langley	ECA	This bill establishes the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution and the local contribution for fiscal year 2018-19. This bill also provides that employees of school management and leadership centers established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 123 are eligible to participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.		3/26/18 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	3/28/18 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/28/18 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out

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1461	1619	An Act To Encourage the Construction of Affordable Housing	Tax	Volk	TAX	This bill creates a tax credit for owners of low-income housing developments that qualify for tax credits under federal law and are financed with tax-exempt bonds, located in the State and determined by the Maine State Housing Authority to be eligible for a federal tax credit whether or not a federal tax credit is allocated to the development. A taxpayer who receives the credit must agree to enter a restrictive covenant to maintain and operate the development as low-income housing and follow various federal requirements for 15 years. The state tax credit is for 6 years and has a recapture provision if the basis of the development goes below a certain amount. An insurance company is allowed to apply the credit against the company's insurance premium tax. The Maine State Housing Authority is required annually to report various details of the qualified developments that received a credit for the prior tax year.	Support		4/9/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 2/27/18 A: OTP-AM (8) B: ONTP (1) C: OTP-AM (4) Not rpt out Scheduled for WS on 4/9/18 at 1:00 PM
1565	733	An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Tax Increment Financing	Tax	Ward	TAX	This bill amends the criteria for adopting a development program as part of a development district by requiring that 80% of the area within the district is designated for development by an entity engaged in a qualified business activity that is directly related to financial services, manufacturing or targeted technologies. This provision applies to development programs approved by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development on or after April 1, 2018.	Oppose		1/18/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD

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1629	2290	An Act To Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures (Governor's Bill)	Tax	Espling	TAX	Creates a preforeclosure process that municipalities must follow in order to successfully foreclose a tax lien on property of a homeowner 65 years of age or older. The process includes active municipal assistance with an abatement application and mediation if necessary to create a reasonable tax payment plan. This bill also creates additional provisions concerning the sale of foreclosed property for all homeowners including allowing a homeowner to pay the tax lien with interest and costs before a tax sale; allowing a homeowner to remain in the home until the sale is completed; requiring the use of a real estate broker when the property is sold; and requiring the return to the homeowner of any net proceeds from the sale after adjustment for taxes owed, interest, fees and other allowable costs.	Oppose Plan to testify	1/25/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/9/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/22/18 OTP-AM (12) OTP-AM (1) Not rpt out Scheduled for WS on 4/9/18 at 1:00 PM
1655	2770	An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes (Emergency)	TAX	Dow	TAX	This bill updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended through December 31, 2017 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017 and for any prior tax years as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. This bill primarily affects the State's income tax laws.		3/13/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/5/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 4/5/18 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out

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1687	2509	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Excise Tax on Automobiles	Tax	Dill	TAX	This bill changes the method of computing the excise tax that is levied on motor vehicles and camper trailers registered in the State. With the exception of certain commercial motor vehicles and buses and special mobile equipment, current law requires that the excise tax be based upon the maker's list price for the motor vehicle. This bill requires that the excise tax on motor vehicles and camper trailers be based on the purchase price of the vehicle for the first year and on the maker's list price for all succeeding years. Either the original bill of sale or the state sales tax document may be used to verify the purchase price.	Oppose	1/25/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	2/6/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD
1721	2490	An Act To Require Room Remarketers and Operators of Transient Rental Platforms To Be Registered for the Collection and Reporting of Sales Taxes	Tax	Hubbell	TAX	This bill expands the provision for sellers required to register to collect and report sales taxes to include online real property rental platforms. The bill adds definitions for "room remarketer" and "transient rental platform," and the definition for "sale price" is amended to include as consideration receipts by room remarketers and transient rental platform operators. The changes apply to sales occurring on or after October 1, 2018.	Monitor	1/16/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	2/5/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	OTP-AM Reported out 4/3/18

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1722	2711	An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption	Tax	Stanley	TAX	This bill provides a sales tax refund or exemption for the purchase of eligible server equipment, eligible power infrastructure and electronic data storage and data management services by an eligible computer data center that begins operation between October 1, 2018 and October 1, 2021. A qualifying business must add at least 20 full-time jobs with above-average wages within 6 years after the business first becomes eligible or the amount of refunded or exempt taxes plus interest will be recaptured by the State.	Monitor	1/16/18 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/15/18 3:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD

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1903	2996	An Act To Improve the Effectiveness of the Major Business Headquarters Expansion Tax Credit	Tax	Dow	TAX	This bill makes the following changes to improve the effectiveness of the income tax credit for major business expansions. 1. It provides that the number of additional employees that must be added by a certified applicant must be determined based on the number of qualifying employees above the certified applicant's base level of employment. 2. It provides that a certificate of completion issued by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development must state the amount of the qualified investment made by the certified applicant, and it clarifies that the credit is 2% of the lesser of the amount of actual qualified investment specified in the certified applicant's certificate of completion and the amount of qualified investment approved in the certificate of approval. 3. It amends reporting requirements and establishes evaluation guidance to improve the future review of the credit under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 37 by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, the joint legislative committee established to oversee program evaluation and government accountability matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters. 4. It clarifies that, if a certificate of approval has been transferred, the transferee is responsible for any repayment obligations if there is a recapture of credit amounts.				

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797	2052	An Act To Fund Railroad Infrastructure and Operations	Transportation	Talbot Ross	MLI	This bill requires 20% of revenue from the sales tax on retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to be transferred to the Multimodal Transportation Fund to be used for the multimodal forms of transportation, limited to passenger marine, road surface and passenger rail transit, of the State, municipalities and multimodal providers supporting passenger rail operations. Priority investment must be targeted to those railroad corridors that could support passenger and freight operations and enhance the movement of agricultural products.	Monitor			Carried Over 8/2/17
1724	2611	An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation	Transportation	Sanborn	TRAN	This bill authorizes municipalities to enter into memoranda of agreement with the Secretary of State, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to develop, test and operate pilot programs for the use of autonomous vehicles for public transportation until March 31, 2022. It requires any municipality that develops, tests or operates a pilot program to submit a report regarding the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by December 1, 2021, and it authorizes the joint standing committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.	Support	1/18/18 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	2/27/18 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	OTP-AM Reported out 3/15/18

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1752	2673	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia	Transportation	Dion	TRAN	This bill amends the pilotage requirements for vessels providing regularly scheduled passenger ferry service between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.	Oppose	1/18/18 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	3/13/18 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH Reconsider	DEAD Committee directed Bay Ferries, pilots, CAT to meet an work on compromise.
1754	2657	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads	Transportation	Jackson	TRAN	This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to prioritize and increase funding for the construction and repair of rural roads, giving the highest priority to rural roads that provide the greatest economic benefit to the State.	Oppose	1/18/18 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	1/25/18 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	DEAD