

## Legislation of interest as of 2/8/2023

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LD/ LR #	Title	Summary	Sponsor	Committee Public Hearing/Work Session
		<b>CPS</b>		
LD 50	An Act to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Developing a System to Ensure Child and Family Well-being	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill, as emergency legislation, proposes to ensure that a forthcoming statewide child abuse and neglect prevention plan is developed and funded in order to provide access to services, develop resources for family stabilization and require outcomes data on the provision of services and resources.	Rep Meyer	HHS
LD 151	An Act Regarding Child Welfare	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would amend the laws regarding child welfare.	Sens. Stewart (Aroostook), Keim, Bennett, Timberlake	HHS
LD 474	An Act to Improve Collaboration Between Mandatory Reporters and Law Enforcement in the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse and Neglect	This bill requires that a member of the staff of a public or private medical institution, agency or facility or person in charge of the institution, agency or facility or the designated agent who made a mandated report disclose the same information the member or person reported to the Department of Health and Human Services to a law enforcement officer upon request of the law enforcement officer. The bill also provides immunity for a person who made a report of suspected abuse or neglect who is participating in good faith in a law enforcement investigation or criminal justice proceeding relating to suspected abuse or neglect.	Rep Meyer	
LD 500	An Act to Improve the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would make changes to the program established to provide ombudsman services to the children and families of the State regarding child welfare services provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.	Sen Keim	
LD 546	An Act Regarding Child Abuse and Endangerment	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the laws governing child abuse and endangerment. It may include recommendations of the Legislature's government oversight committee upon completion of the study of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services.	Rep Arata	
	<b>Legislative Requests (LR) available as Bill Titles only at this time.</b>			
LR 1285	An Act to Make Confidential Child Protection Records Available to the Government Oversight Committee	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Arata	
LR 295	An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee Members and Staff	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Timberlake	

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LR 1267	An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Timberlake	
LR 1809	An Act to Improve Child Welfare	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Keim	
LR 599	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Baldacci	
LR 600	An Act to Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Baldacci	
LR 2222	An Act to Create Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services and Child Protective Services	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Moore	
LR 259	An Act to Create a Commission to Study the Organization and Service Delivery of the Department of Health and Human Services	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Shagoury	
LR 675	An Act to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Stover	
LR 1472	An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents in Investigations of Child Deaths	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Nangle	
LR 1830	An Act to Strengthen Child Protection	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Nangle	

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		<b>TAX</b>		
LD 191	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Business Equipment Tax Benefits	This bill excludes from eligibility for the business equipment tax exemption and the business equipment tax reimbursement a person that, based on 3rd-party certifications, bans, boycotts or otherwise restricts or prevents the sale or distribution of any product that is legally produced, harvested or grown in the State.	Sen Stewart (Aroostook)	Taxation Public Hearing: 2/14/23, 1:00pm
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LR 707	An Act to Update the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Laws	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Rudnicki	
LR 1665	An Act to Promote Research and Development in the State by Improving the Research Expense Tax Credit.	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Terry	
LR 1783	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Terry	
LR 180	An Act to Promote Economic Development Through Increased Film Incentives	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Gere	
LR 800	An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Daughtry	
LR 818	An Act to Reauthorize Maine's New Markets Tax Credit Program	Summary currently unavailable.	Sen Stewart (Aroostook)	
LR 1684	An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit	Summary currently unavailable.	Rep Terry	