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560	An Act to Integrate the Approval of Early Childhood Education Plans for Children 4 Years of Age into Basic School Approval for Elementary Schools (Rep. Sullivan)	EDU	P.L. 141	**Preschool/Pre-K:** Definition of a "public preschool program" amended to differentiate from a one- or two-year kindergarten program, also approval of early childhood education plans for programs for children 4 years of age integrated into the laws governing basic school approval. *Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact*
1850	An Act To Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness of Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education for Children from Birth to Eight Years of Age through Improved Oversight, Accountability and Interagency Coordination (Sen. Mitchell)	EDU	P.L. 450	**CDS:** 1) Child Development Services System (CDS) to coordinate support services for eligible children (birth to 5 yrs) and to provide referrals for early intervention; 2) Expanded connection of federally mandated child find and service delivery with school administrative units, with programs of DHHS and with medical and other providers; 3) Dept. of Ed. and DHHS to develop revised interagency agreement for services to children with special needs (birth to 8 years): 4) CDS to report annually to legislative, advisory and governing bodies about performance; 5) Dept. of Ed. to present to Legislature and to interagency coordinating council a plan for improving training and support to CDS regional site boards of directors; 6) Dept. of Ed. and DHHS to develop rules, policies and written interagency agreements to assign responsibility for referrals from DHHS to CDS from the metabolic abnormality detection program, the newborn hearing program and the birth defects registry; and 7) Maine Education Policy Research Institute steering committee to consider recommendation of the Subcommittee to Study Early Childhood Special Education on necessary technical and legal advances on data linkage of individually identifiable health and education data *Fiscal Note: Cost absorbed*
755	Resolve, To Create the Commission to Develop a Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children (Rep. Faircloth) ***Invest in ME*** (Proposed: An Act to Ensure the Success of All Maine Families Through Early Care and Education)	HUM	Resolve 136, Emergency	**Strategic Priorities Plan:** Establishes commission (13 members) charged with developing a 3-year investment strategy for early care and education *Fiscal Note: $5,380 one-time* (Note: Original bill proposed one time and ongoing General Fund Appropriations for community-based programs to raise the quality of child care services Totals: $51,000 one-time and $2.6M annually)
1369	Resolve, To Promote High-quality Before-school and After-school Programs (Rep. Grose) ***Invest in ME***	HUM	Resolve 41	**Before/After School:** State level review of standards and practices for before and after school programs *Fiscal Note: Cost absorbed*

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1880	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Adopt Rules Governing the Safety of Children at Day Care Facilities with Swimming Pools (Rep. Driscoll)	HUM	Resolve 53	**Child Care/Safety:** DHHS to adopt major substantive rules during the calendar year 2007 to govern the safety of children at day care facilities that contain swimming pools. *Fiscal Note: Cost absorbed*
	CARRIED OVER			
63	An Act to Increase Access to After-school Programs (Rep. Barstow)	AFA	Carry Over	**Before/After School:** General Fund appropriations to fund grants to establish after-school programs in communities without after-school programs *Fiscal Note: $500,000 annually*
1065	Resolve, To Enhance the Education Opportunities for Maine's Early Childhood Workers (Rep. Silsby) ***Invest in ME**	AFA	Carry Over	**Child Care Providers:** Ongoing General Fund appropriations to increase the number of Child Care Provider Scholarships and a one time General Fund Appropriation to UMS to develop a degree program for those working with pre-school children with special needs *Fiscal Note: $200,000 one-time and $125,000 annually*
1426	An Act To Enhance the Prekindergarten Experience for Maine Children (Rep. Cain) ***Invest in ME**	EDU	Carry Over	**Preschool/Pre-K Standards:** Early childhood (pre-kindergarten and preschool) standards developed concerning class size, adult/child ratio, staff qualifications, curricula, screening and assessment, nutrition, physical environment, family involvement and support services *Fiscal Note: Fiscal impact not yet determined*
	NOT ENACTED			
87	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Provide Printed Informational Handouts on Child Care Guidelines (Rep. Snowe-Mello)	HUM	ONTP	**Child Care:** DHHS to provide printed copy of child care information available on the dept's website, (including but not limited to guidance for selecting a child care provider), to determine cost of providing printed information and to charge the person requesting the information a fee to cover the costs. *Fiscal note: Potential current biennium General Fund revenue increase and minor General Fund cost increase*
187	An Act To Increase Access to Child Care and Early Education for Maine's Working Families (Rep. Rand) *Invest in ME	AFA	ONTP	**Child Care/Cost:** Ongoing General Fund appropriations for the child care subsidy program, child care for at-risk families and Head Start and Early Head Start Services *Fiscal Note: $7,000,000 annually*
283	An Act To Require Direct Payment to Child Care Centers (Rep. Duprey)	HUM	ONTP	**Child Care:** Requires direct payment of child care benefits to the child care provider for a person transitioning off the ASPIRE-TANF program with a mechanism for paying for child care services for which reimbursement is owed. *Fiscal Note: Fiscal impact not yet determined*

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394	An Act To Provide a Tax Benefit to Businesses That Invest in Quality Child Care (Rep. Conover) ***Invest in ME**	TAX	ONTP	**Child Care/Supply:** Tax deduction incentive (up to $5,000) for businesses to invest in quality child care services *Fiscal Note: Fiscal impact not yet determined*
753	Resolve, To Invest in Children and Families through Family Resource Centers (Rep. Faircloth) ***Invest in ME**	HUM	ONTP	**Family Resource Centers:** One time General Fund appropriations to fund 6 Family Resource Centers providing an array of services, (including parent education, child development activities, resource and referral advice, peer-to-peer supports, life skills education and advocacy) through out the State *Fiscal Note: $720,000 in 2007-08 and 2008-09*
837	An Act to Prevent Infant Exposure to Harmful Hormone-disrupting Substances (Rep. Hinck)	HUM	ONTP	**Child Safety:** Manufacture, sale and distribution prohibited for toys and child care products (bottles, pacifiers and teethers) made with harmful substances. *Fiscal Note: Minor General Fund revenue increase and current biennium General Fund cost increase with some costs absorbed, other costs not yet determined*
1149	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Child Care Facilities in Maine Rep. Connor) ***Invest in ME**	AFA	ONTP	**Child Care/Supply:** Bond issue to establish low-interest loans and grants to develop new child care options *Fiscal Note: Bond $2,000,000*
1427	Resolve, To Evaluate Parenting Education and to Develop Parenting Resources in Maine High Schools (Rep. Woodbury)	EDU	ONTP	**Parenting Education:** Dept. of Education to convene a working group to compile resources for parenting education, provide parenting resources at all high schools and consider recommending parenting skills in ' learning results.' *Fiscal Note: Fiscal impact not yet determined*
1527	An Act to Set Maximum Allowable Television Viewing hours for State-licensed Child Care Facilities (Sen. Turner)	HUM	ONTP	**Child Care/Quality:** Child care facilities to ban television viewing for children under 2 years of age and to allow only 1 hour for children 2 to 5 years of age *Fiscal Note: Fiscal impact not yet determined*
1712	An Act To Amend the Amount of Child Care Tax Credit (Rep. Conover) ***Invest in ME**	TAX	ONTP	**Child Care/Cost:** Increase the State's refundable child care tax credit (from the current 25%) to 100% of the federal tax credit for child care expenses, and removal of the current $500 cap on the refund *Fiscal Note: Fiscal impact not yet determined*

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359	An Act To Change the Child Care Facility Licensing Laws (Rep. Duprey)	HUM	P.L .2005 c. 640	**Child Care Licensing:** Specifies a 2-year licensing period for a child care facility with DHHS to make at least one unannounced inspection within the 2-year license term and a doubling of the license fees. *Fiscal Note: Assumes General Fund revenue from license fees would double in the first year of each two-year term, and be eliminated in the 2nd year of the term (net effect over 2 years is $0).*
1446	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Certification of Education Personnel (Rep. Merrill)	EDU	P.L .2005 c. 152	**Early Childhood Personnel:** Amends the law regarding the certification of education personnel who provide early childhood educational programs or developmental therapy to children from birth to under 5 years of age. *Fiscal Note:* Cost absorbed
1513	An Act To Require Coordination of Early Childhood Programs for Children 4 Years of Age in Maine (Rep. Pingree)	EDU	P.L .2005 c. 368	**Pre-Kindergarten:** Requires local public schools to receive Department of Education approval to operate early kindergarten programs for children 4 years of age. *Fiscal Note: Cost absorbed*
1772	An Act to Improve Early Childhood Special Education (Sen. Mitchell)	EDU	P.L .2005 c. 662 Emergency	**CDS:** Consolidates and reorganizes the delivery of early childhood special education services including the child development services system to achieve efficiencies of cost and effectiveness of childhood special education programs. *Fiscal Note: $1,144,500 Gen. Fund shifted from '05-'06 to '06-'07*
1887	An Act to Update License and Certification Requirements for Child Care Facilities and Family Care Providers (Rep. Simpson)	HUM	P.L .2005 c. 530	**Child Care:** Updates definitions and terminology related to child care facilities and family child care; adds family child care providers to providers that must comply with lead hazard screening requirements, and clarifies lead hazard screening requirements to require family child care providers to comply with these requirements. *Fiscal Note: Cost absorbed*

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Initiatives in Maine

Initiative Name	Category	Geographic Scope	Target Population
Birth to Five Teaching Credential (Infant/Toddler Credential)	Professional Development	Statewide	Birth-5 (0-5)
Child Care Fact Sheets	Child Care Resource & Referral	Statewide	I/T (0-3)
Child Care Investment Tax Credit	Financing; Policy (Federal, State & Local)	Statewide	Birth-School Age (0-13)
Early Childhood Development: What Matters MOST? (Public Policy Brief)	Public Knowledge & Engagement	Statewide	EC (0-8)
Early Start Infant-Toddler Curriculum	Professional Development	Local (County/District)	I/T (0-3)
Flexible Sick Days for Parents	Policy (Federal, State & Local)	Statewide	I/T (0-3)
Infant and Toddler Summer Institutes and Stipends	Facilities; Professional Development		I/T (0-3)
Infant Toddler Early Learning Guidelines	Early Learning Guidelines	Statewide	I/T (0-3)
Infant-Toddler Creative Curriculum Training	Professional Development		
Maine Marks	Planning, Research & Evaluation	Statewide	
Maine Roads to Quality Infant and Toddler Curriculum	Professional Development	Statewide	I/T (0-3)
New Licensing Requirement (Ratios)	Licensing & Regulations	Statewide	I/T (0-3)
Parent Survey	Planning, Research & Evaluation	Statewide	Birth-School Age (0-13)
Public Service Announcements	Parent & Family Involvement; Public Knowledge & Engagement	Statewide	I/T (0-3)
Quality Certificates	Policy (Federal, State & Local); Program Standards	Statewide	Birth-School Age (0-13)
State Dependent Care Tax Credit	Financing; Policy (Federal, State & Local)	Statewide	Birth-School Age (0-13)
Technical Assistance to EHS/Infant & Toddler Child Care (Part-Time)(Infant/Toddler Specialists)	Facilities; Professional Development	Statewide	I/T (0-3)
Trust ME Program	Child Care Settings & Activities; Facilities	Statewide	Birth-School Age (0-13)

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