

STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

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	LD 320	An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center	PUBLIC 428

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Not Enacted	LD 123	An Act to Eliminate the Educational Purposes Exception to the Prohibition on the Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 222	An Act to Require Students to Demonstrate Knowledge of the Constitution of Maine and the United States Constitution	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 253	An Act to Add Health and Physical Education Requirements to High School Diploma Standards	ONTP
	LD 254	An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum	CARRIED OVER
	LD 618	An Act to Eliminate Critical Race Theory, Social and Emotional Learning and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from School Curricula	ONTP
	LD 730	An Act to Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
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	LD 1129	An Act to Enact the Curriculum Transparency Act	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1196	An Act to Require Public Schools to Allow Parents and Guardians to Opt Out Their Children with Respect to Portions of the Curriculum	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1284	An Act to Require Personal Finance to be Taught as a Separate Course to Obtain a High School Diploma	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1643	An Act Regarding Instructional Materials, Surveys, Analyses, Evaluations and Events at Public Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1800	An Act Regarding Parental Rights in Education	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Enacted

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LD 1799	An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities	PUBLIC 477
LD 142	An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work	CARRIED OVER
LD 143	An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism	CARRIED OVER
LD 612	An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education	Died On Adjournment
LD 948	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	CARRIED OVER
LD 1164	An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic	ONTP
LD 1491	An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator	CARRIED OVER
LD 1510	Resolve, to Provide Grants to Promote Innovative Learning Strategies	CARRIED OVER
LD 1520	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Schools	CARRIED OVER

LD 2001 An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Require Funding for African American Studies CARRIED OVER

Early Childhood and Public Preschool Programs

Enacted LD 684 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model RESOLVE 116

LD 1799 An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities PUBLIC 477

Not Enacted LD 948 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 CARRIED OVER

Early Childhood Special Education Programs

Enacted LD 1528 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Submit a Report on Services Provided By the Child Development Services System and by School Administrative Units RESOLVE 82

Not Enacted LD 1309 An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System Died On Adjournment

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Enacted LD 881 Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-laminated Timber RESOLVE 27

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LD 1786 An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District P & S 12

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LD 345 An Act Regarding Educational Policies and Programs CARRIED OVER

LD 1421	An Act to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District	CARRIED OVER
LD 1702	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve the Educational Experience of People Who Are Resettling in Maine	Died On Adjournment

Essential Programs and Services and School Finance

Enacted

LD 232	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units	PUBLIC 210
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LD 1160	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology	RESOLVE 118
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Not Enacted

LD 154	An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units	CARRIED OVER
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LD 280	An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit	CARRIED OVER
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LD 385	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Examine Alternative Metrics for Determining the Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula	ONTP
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LD 386	An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year	ONTP
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LD 829	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools	CARRIED OVER
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LD 889	An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units	ONTP
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LD 951	An Act to Amend the State Education Funding Formula to Create Equity Between Municipalities by Adding Median Income to the Formula	ONTP
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LD 974	An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1158	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	ONTP
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LD 1369	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students	ONTP
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LD 1402	An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population	CARRIED OVER
LD 1532	An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs	ONTP
LD 1942	An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State	CARRIED OVER

Extracurricular Programs and Activities

Enacted	LD 1315	An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride	PUBLIC 460
Not Enacted	LD 871	An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State	CARRIED OVER

Health, Nutrition and Safety

Enacted	LD 867	An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools	PUBLIC 253
	LD 921	An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products	PUBLIC 101
	LD 947	An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children	PUBLIC 181
	LD 1183	An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund	PUBLIC 457
	LD 1315	An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride	PUBLIC 460
Not Enacted	LD 156	An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time for Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8	ONTP
	LD 253	An Act to Add Health and Physical Education Requirements to High School Diploma Standards	ONTP
	LD 348	An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools	CARRIED OVER
	LD 829	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools	CARRIED OVER

LD 1042	An Act to Update Youth Sports Concussion and Injury Prevention Protocols	ONTP
LD 1128	An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools	CARRIED OVER
LD 1263	An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline	CARRIED OVER
LD 2002	An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services	CARRIED OVER

Immunization

**Not
Enacted**

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LD 1098	An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions Regarding Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1148	An Act to Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates for Students Enrolled in Public Institutions of Learning	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1209	An Act to Reinstate the Religious and Philosophical Vaccine Exemptions for Private Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1228	An Act to Prohibit Certain Higher Education Institutions from Requiring Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization for Admission or Attendance	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Magnet Schools

Enacted

LD 1458	An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	PUBLIC 464
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**Not
Enacted**

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Postsecondary Education - General

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	LD 830	Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses	RESOLVE 17
	LD 881	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-laminated Timber	RESOLVE 27
	LD 1026	Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta	RESOLVE 56
	LD 1264	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	RESOLVE 102
Not Enacted	LD 19	An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees	CARRIED OVER
	LD 174	An Act to Return the Name of the Maine Community College System to the Maine Technical College System	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 271	An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping	ONTP
	LD 309	An Act to Ensure Equitable Access to All Higher Education Institutions	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Postsecondary Education Finance and Student Aid

Enacted	LD 1988	An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus	PUBLIC 486
Not Enacted	LD 18	An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 64	An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State	ONTP
	LD 173	An Act Regarding the Responsibility for Technology Instruction Marketing Costs by the Maine Community College System	ONTP

LD 447	An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges	CARRIED OVER
LD 512	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students	CARRIED OVER
LD 944	An Act to Allow Refugees, Asylees and Asylum Seekers to Qualify for In-state Tuition	ONTP
LD 1028	An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care	CARRIED OVER
LD 1139	An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy	CARRIED OVER

Postsecondary Education Governance and Coordination

Enacted	LD 1556	An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy	PUBLIC 278
	LD 1656	An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System	P & S 14

Not Enacted	LD 897	An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices	ONTP
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Private Schools

Enacted	LD 100	An Act to Require Annual Financial Audits of Certain Private Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes	PUBLIC 112
	LD 1420	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education System by Clarifying Purposes and Procedures for Reviews of Schools	PUBLIC 397

Not Enacted	LD 808	An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools	CARRIED OVER
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Public Charter Schools and School Choice

Enacted	LD 1089	An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report	PUBLIC 183
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Not Enacted	LD 338	An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student	ONTP
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LD 809	An Act to Allow Regional School Units with School Choice to Opt Out of School Choice	ONTP
LD 1741	An Act to Promote Educational Opportunity Through the Educational Choice Tax Credit Program, Eliminating Certain Restrictions on Charter Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools, Allowing More Entities to Authorize Charter Schools and Clarifying Educational Policy on Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1841	An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Safe Schools and Student Conduct

Enacted

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LD 892	An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning	PUBLIC 254

Not Enacted

LD 52	An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 317	An Act Regarding Safe Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 518	An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1326	An Act to Increase School Security Through Design and Protocol	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1557	An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns on School Property	Majority (ONTP) Report

School Boards and School Budgets

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	LD 1300	An Act to Give the Governing Board of a Municipality Input into the Budget Developed by a School Board	ONTP
	LD 1370	An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process	ONTP
	LD 1567	An Act to Create a Training Program for School Board Members and Establish School Board Meeting Standards	ONTP
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	LD 1697	An Act to Implement Background Checks for School Board Members	ONTP
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Enacted	LD 232	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units	PUBLIC 210
	LD 1415	An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding	PUBLIC 462
	LD 1472	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund	RESOLVE 44
Not Enacted	LD 280	An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit	CARRIED OVER
	LD 386	An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year	ONTP
	LD 570	Resolve, to Provide Information to Maine's School Administrators and Maine Communities About the Financial Advantages of Modern Wood Heating	ONTP

LD 612	An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education	Died On Adjournment
LD 957	An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 992	An Act to Create a Fund for the Abatement and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in School Construction Projects	ONTP
LD 1053	An Act to Allow School Activity Buses for Public Schools	Minority (ONTP) Report
LD 1113	An Act to Require Transparency Regarding School Construction Spending	ONTP
LD 1369	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students	ONTP
LD 1842	Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards	ONTP

School Support Staff

Enacted

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LD 1366	An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway	PUBLIC 200
LD 1861	An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism	PUBLIC 480

Not Enacted

LD 955	An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff	ONTP
LD 974	An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff	CARRIED OVER
LD 1237	An Act to Establish a Minimum Hourly Wage for School Support Staff	ONTP
LD 1314	An Act to Establish a Minimum Salary for Educational Specialists, Educational Technicians and School Teaching Professionals	ONTP
LD 1769	An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live	CARRIED OVER

Special Education

Enacted	LD 79	An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services	PUBLIC 449
	LD 98	An Act to Update the Special Education Laws	PUBLIC 450
Not Enacted	LD 154	An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1532	An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs	ONTP

Student Privacy

Not Enacted	LD 1144	An Act to Ban Monitoring Software Targeting Maine Students	ONTP
	LD 1333	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on School Internet and Student Data Collection Best Practices	CARRIED OVER

Teacher Certification and Professional Development

Enacted	LD 485	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements	RESOLVE 54
	LD 753	An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified	PUBLIC 442
	LD 1608	An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities	PUBLIC 469
Not Enacted	LD 67	An Act to Increase the Number of Educational Professionals by Accepting Out-of-state Certification	ONTP
	LD 335	An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times	CARRIED OVER
	LD 617	An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify Industrial Arts Teachers	ONTP
	LD 703	An Act to Clarify the Requirements Regarding Fingerprinting Law Enforcement Officers in Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 712	An Act to Extend or Waive Requirements for Certain Teaching Certificates	ONTP
LD 1020	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Update Course Requirements for Certification of Industrial Arts Teachers and to Finally Adopt Major Substantive Rules	ONTP
LD 1217	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification	CARRIED OVER

Teachers and Administrators

Enacted	LD 1608	An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities	PUBLIC 469
Not Enacted	LD 1064	An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1398	An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries	ONTP
	LD 1491	An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1773	An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1892	An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1898	An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Workforce Development and Career Options

Not Enacted	LD 142	An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work	CARRIED OVER
	LD 143	An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism	CARRIED OVER
	LD 310	An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State	ONTP

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
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EDU	15	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission	Reported Out	OTP		3/2/23	Enacted	PL	9		R1
EDU	18	An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students	Reported Out	LTW		5/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			✓	S1
EDU	19	An Act to Authorize the National Institute of Funeral Service to Grant Associate Degrees	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	33	An Act to Expand Access to Career and Technical Education Opportunities for Middle School Students	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	51	An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	52	An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	64	An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State	Reported Out	ONTP		3/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	67	An Act to Increase the Number of Educational Professionals by Accepting Out-of-state Certification	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	79	An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	449		S1
EDU	98	An Act to Update the Special Education Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	450		S1
EDU	100	An Act to Require Annual Financial Audits of Certain Private Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/10/23	Enacted	PL	112		S1
EDU	123	An Act to Eliminate the Educational Purposes Exception to the Prohibition on the Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	129	Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	114		S1
EDU	142	An Act to Fund Climate-related Service Work	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/19/23					S1
EDU	143	An Act to Support Rural Service Programming and Promote Volunteerism	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	3/10/23					S1
EDU	154	An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/17/23					S1
EDU	156	An Act to Require Outdoor Recess Time for Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	173	An Act Regarding the Responsibility for Technology Instruction Marketing Costs by the Maine Community College System	Reported Out	ONTP		3/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1

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EDU	174	An Act to Return the Name of the Maine Community College System to the Maine Technical College System	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	204	An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/17/23	Enacted	PL	452		S1
EDU	213	An Act to Maintain the Authority of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	222	An Act to Require Students to Demonstrate Knowledge of the Constitution of Maine and the United States Constitution	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/18/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	232	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	210		S1
EDU	241	An Act to Reform Education	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	253	An Act to Add Health and Physical Education Requirements to High School Diploma Standards	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	254	An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	257	An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools	Reported Out	ONTP		3/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	271	An Act Requiring the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to Offer a For-credit Course on Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting and Trapping	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	273	An Act to Provide Funds to the Malaga 1912 Scholarship Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	280	An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing the Maximum Debt Service Limit	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/5/23					S1
EDU	293	An Act to Revise the School Funding Formula	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	309	An Act to Ensure Equitable Access to All Higher Education Institutions	Reported Out	LTW		5/3/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	310	An Act to Increase the Workforce in the State	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	317	An Act Regarding Safe Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	320	An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	428		S1
EDU	335	An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/16/23					S1

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EDU	338	An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student	Reported Out	ONTP		5/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	343	An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Enacted	PL	453		S1
EDU	345	An Act Regarding Educational Policies and Programs	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	348	An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/12/23					S1
EDU	385	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Examine Alternative Metrics for Determining the Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	386	An Act to Assist Schools with Heating and Transportation Fuel Costs During the School Year	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	393	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	49		S1
EDU	394	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	Reported Out	OTP/OTP- AM		5/9/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	31		S1
EDU	436	An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	247		S1

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EDU	447	An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/28/23					S1
EDU	477	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Active Shooter Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Active Shooter Drills for Their Children	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		4/24/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	115		S1
EDU	485	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	54		S1
EDU	489	An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/8/23	Enacted	PL	105		S1
EDU	512	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Providing Tuition Waivers to Eligible Students	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
EDU	515	An Act to Require School Board Approval of Superintendent Rules and Administrative Procedures	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	518	An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	570	Resolve, to Provide Information to Maine's School Administrators and Maine Communities About the Financial Advantages of Modern Wood Heating	Reported Out	ONTP		3/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	612	An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1

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EDU	617	An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in Maine Schools by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify Industrial Arts Teachers	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	618	An Act to Eliminate Critical Race Theory, Social and Emotional Learning and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from School Curricula	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	631	An Act to Change the Notification Law for School Truancy	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	99		S1
EDU	669	An Act to Create the Public Art Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/26/23					S1
EDU	684	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/17/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	116		S1
EDU	703	An Act to Clarify the Requirements Regarding Fingerprinting Law Enforcement Officers in Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/24/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	712	An Act to Extend or Waive Requirements for Certain Teaching Certificates	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	725	An Act to Add an Adult Education Pathway to a High School Diploma	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	730	An Act to Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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EDU	753	An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	442		S1
EDU	808	An Act to Amend Laws Affecting Tuition at State-approved Schools	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	809	An Act to Allow Regional School Units with School Choice to Opt Out of School Choice	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	829	An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1
EDU	830	Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	17		S1
EDU	837	An Act to Ensure College Credit Classes Taken in Secondary School Are Credited at the University Level	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	867	An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	253		S1
EDU	869	An Act to Protect Education Access by Prohibiting a Mandate for Schoolchildren for a COVID-19 Vaccine or a Vaccine Under an Emergency Use Authorization	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP/ OTP-AM		5/1/23	Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
EDU	871	An Act to Provide Support for the Maine Discovery Museum's Informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Programs Throughout the State	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	873	An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	171		S1
EDU	881	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-laminated Timber	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/19/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	27		S1

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EDU	889	An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	892	An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	254		S1
EDU	897	An Act Regarding the University of Maine System Hiring Practices	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	921	An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products	Reported Out	OTP		5/1/23	Enacted	PL	101		S1
EDU	944	An Act to Allow Refugees, Asylees and Asylum Seekers to Qualify for In-state Tuition	Reported Out	ONTP		4/7/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	947	An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Enacted	PL	181		S1
EDU	948	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	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM	Carried on floor	6/2/23					S1
EDU	951	An Act to Amend the State Education Funding Formula to Create Equity Between Municipalities by Adding Median Income to the Formula	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	955	An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	957	An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
EDU	974	An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	Carried on floor	6/21/23					S1
EDU	992	An Act to Create a Fund for the Abatement and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls in School Construction Projects	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1002	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	124		S1
EDU	1008	An Act to Establish a Rating System for Books in School Libraries	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1018	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	125		S1
EDU	1020	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Update Course Requirements for Certification of Industrial Arts Teachers and to Finally Adopt Major Substantive Rules	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1026	Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	56		S1

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EDU	1028	An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/31/23					S1
EDU	1033	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop and Distribute Guidance for Diploma Options at the Arthur R. Gould School	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	41		S1
EDU	1042	An Act to Update Youth Sports Concussion and Injury Prevention Protocols	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1053	An Act to Allow School Activity Buses for Public Schools	Reported Out	REF TO TRA/ONTP		6/8/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1064	An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1084	An Act to Enhance Wildlife Conservation Efforts and Preserve Sporting Heritage by Making the Elements of a Hunter Safety Course a Part of Public School Curriculum	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1089	An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	183		S1
EDU	1098	An Act to Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions Regarding Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1113	An Act to Require Transparency Regarding School Construction Spending	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1128	An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/23					S1
EDU	1129	An Act to Enact the Curriculum Transparency Act	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1139	An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
EDU	1144	An Act to Ban Monitoring Software Targeting Maine Students	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1148	An Act to Prohibit COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates for Students Enrolled in Public Institutions of Learning	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1158	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	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1160	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	118		S1
EDU	1164	An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1183	An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	457		S1

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EDU	1196	An Act to Require Public Schools to Allow Parents and Guardians to Opt Out Their Children with Respect to Portions of the Curriculum	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1199	An Act to Provide Transparency in Public School Curricula	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1209	An Act to Reinstate the Religious and Philosophical Vaccine Exemptions for Private Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1217	Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program for Alternative Teacher Certification	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1228	An Act to Prohibit Certain Higher Education Institutions from Requiring Vaccines Approved Under Emergency Use Authorization for Admission or Attendance	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/1/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1237	An Act to Establish a Minimum Hourly Wage for School Support Staff	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1263	An Act to Require Certain School Identification Cards to Include the Telephone Number of a Suicide and Crisis Hotline	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/20/23					S1
EDU	1264	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	102		S1
EDU	1283	Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	92		S1
EDU	1284	An Act to Require Personal Finance to be Taught as a Separate Course to Obtain a High School Diploma	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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EDU	1300	An Act to Give the Governing Board of a Municipality Input into the Budget Developed by a School Board	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1309	An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
EDU	1314	An Act to Establish a Minimum Salary for Educational Specialists, Educational Technicians and School Teaching Professionals	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1315	An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	460		S1
EDU	1326	An Act to Increase School Security Through Design and Protocol	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/2/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1333	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on School Internet and Student Data Collection Best Practices	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1366	An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Enacted	PL	200		S1
EDU	1367	An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Died On Adjournment			✓	S1
EDU	1369	An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula to Include All Costs for the Transportation of Students	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1370	An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1389	An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	461		S1
EDU	1398	An Act to Increase Teacher Salaries	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1402	An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1415	An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	462		S1
EDU	1420	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education System by Clarifying Purposes and Procedures for Reviews of Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/16/23	Enacted	PL	397		S1
EDU	1421	An Act to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1458	An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	464		S1
EDU	1472	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	44		S1
EDU	1491	An Act to Establish a Teacher Shortage Coordinator	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23					S1

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EDU	1510	Resolve, to Provide Grants to Promote Innovative Learning Strategies	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/23					S1
EDU	1518	An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents to Withdraw Their Children from Public School Classes or Activities That Include Certain Controversial Viewpoints	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1520	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Placing Child Care Facilities in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1526	Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	122		S1
EDU	1527	An Act to Promote the Community School Program	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	5/31/23					S1
EDU	1528	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Submit a Report on Services Provided By the Child Development Services System and by School Administrative Units	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	82		S1
EDU	1532	An Act to Require the Timely Reimbursement by the State of Costs Incurred by a School Administrative Unit for Special Education Programs	Reported Out	ONTP		5/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1556	An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	278		S1
EDU	1557	An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns on School Property	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1565	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Provide Grants to Expand Age Eligibility for Life Skills and Vocational Programs in Public Schools	Reported Out	ONTP		5/16/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1567	An Act to Create a Training Program for School Board Members and Establish School Board Meeting Standards	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1571	An Act to Provide Meaningful Public Participation at Local School Board Meetings	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1589	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological and Religious Advocacy in the Classroom	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1608	An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Enacted	PL	469		S1
EDU	1642	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	1643	An Act Regarding Instructional Materials, Surveys, Analyses, Evaluations and Events at Public Schools	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1656	An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	P&S	14		S1
EDU	1697	An Act to Implement Background Checks for School Board Members	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1702	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve the Educational Experience of People Who Are Resettling in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/6/23	Died On Adjournment				S1

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EDU	1741	An Act to Promote Educational Opportunity Through the Educational Choice Tax Credit Program, Eliminating Certain Restrictions on Charter Schools and Virtual Public Charter Schools, Allowing More Entities to Authorize Charter Schools and Clarifying Educational Policy on Immunization Requirements	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1748	An Act to Reform the School Budget Referendum Process by Limiting the Circumstances in Which Referenda Occur	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Died Between Houses				S1
EDU	1769	An Act Concerning Students Who Experience Educational Disruption Due to Temporary or Permanent Changes Where They Live	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/5/23					S1
EDU	1773	An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23				✓	S1
EDU	1786	An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/7/23	Enacted	P&S	12		S1
EDU	1798	An Act to Support School Choice by Establishing Empowerment Scholarship Accounts	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1799	An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	477		S1
EDU	1800	An Act Regarding Parental Rights in Education	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1820	An Act to Expand Access to Good Jobs with Better Career and Technical Education	Reported Out	ONTP		5/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1838	An Act to Create the Empowerment Scholarship Account Program	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1841	An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/8/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1842	Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards	Reported Out	ONTP		5/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1860	An Act to Create the Educational Opportunity Account Program	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1861	An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/5/23	Enacted	PL	480		S1
EDU	1892	An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/23/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1898	An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
EDU	1942	An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
EDU	1988	An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/8/23	Enacted	PL	486		S1

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EDU	2001	An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Require Funding for African American Studies	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
EDU	2002	An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 15 An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 9 amends certain provisions of the law governing the state grant program administered by the director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The changes include changing the term "historic structure" to "historic property."

LD 79 An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 449, clarifies the definition of "state agency client" for the purposes of special education and clarifies who is entitled to establish or obligated to provide special education programs and related services.

LD 98 An Act to Update the Special Education Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 450, changes the age of eligibility for special education and for participation in career and technical education courses by adults who are enrolled in special education from under 20 years of age to under 22 years of age, replaces the term "pupil evaluation team" with "individualized education program team," replaces the term "serious emotional disturbance" to "emotional disability" and replaces the term "hearing impairment, including deafness" to "deafness, including hearing loss."

LD 100 An Act to Require Annual Financial Audits of Certain Private Schools Approved for Tuition Purposes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 112, requires a private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students to submit to the State Auditor and the Commissioner of Education within six months after the end of the school's audit period satisfactory proof that the books, accounts, financial documents and reports of the school for the preceding fiscal year have been examined and found to be in satisfactory and accurate condition with proper vouchers on file. The audit must be conducted by the Office of the State Auditor, a public accountant licensed to practice in the State or an individual or firm the department has determined is a competent auditor

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by training and experience and the department is directed to adopt routine technical rules implement the requirement.

LD 129 Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 114 directs the University of Maine System to study the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County and make specific recommendations in its report. It also directs the University of Maine System to coordinate with a tertiary care hospital medical education program in Penobscot County and solicit the advice, participation or testimony of other organizations. Resolve 2023, chapter 114 also requires the University of Maine System to report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by November 6, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 204 An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 452, requires a school administrative unit to install interlocking door control technology in newly-constructed elementary and secondary schools or elementary and secondary schools that are undergoing renovation and provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 for that purpose.

LD 232 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Bonding Restrictions for School Administrative Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 210 extends the allowed term of bonds issued by school administrative districts and regional school units from 25 to 30 years.

LD 320 An Act to Support the Maine Multicultural Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 428 provides one-time funds of \$190,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Maine Multicultural Center in Bangor for one or more positions to establish a comprehensive program for foreign-trained workers through the Maine Multicultural Center.

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LD 343 An Act to Invest in an Educational Technician Training Program to Address Shortages in Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 453 provides one-time funds of \$200,000 to support the Learning Facilitator Credential Program at Eastern Maine Community College.

LD 393 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 49 authorizes final adoption of the Department of Education's major substantive rule Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion only if the rule is amended to require meetings after every 3 incidents of physical restraint or seclusion except that provides that schools are not required to hold more than one meeting within any 30-school-day period.

Resolve 2023, chapter 49 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

LD 394 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 31 authorizes final adoption of the Department of Education's major substantive rule chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers.

LD 436 An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 247 requires that, before the school year beginning after June 30, 2025, cooperative agreements between school administrative units and career and technical education centers and regions must include an equivalency agreement for credit gained through a career and technical education program to be accepted as core credit toward a high school diploma and

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provides that career and technical education students may satisfy local diploma requirements in accordance with the equivalency agreements included in the cooperative agreements.

Public Law 2023, chapter 247 requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact Public Law 2023, chapter 247.

LD 477 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Develop Best Practices for Lockdown Drills and Active Shooter Drills and Allowing Parents to Opt Out of Active Shooter Drills for Their Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 115 directs the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center to convene a stakeholder group to develop best practices for lockdown and active shooter drills implemented by school administrative units to minimize traumatic impact on students and school staff and report back to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 1, 2025 on the work of the stakeholder group. The report must include information regarding the best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and a plan for all school staff to be trained in their school administrative unit's emergency plan prior to January 1, 2026, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the range of lockdown drills and active shooter drills as implemented by public schools at increasing safety, the traumatic impact of lockdown drills and active shooter drills on students and school staff, the number of school administrative units using best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and other strategies to ensure students and school staff are prepared to respond to emergencies, including school shootings.

Resolve 2023, chapter 115 also requires the Department of Education to amend the rule to allow parents to opt out of active shooter drills for their children.

LD 485 Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 54 requires the State Board of Education to study potential changes to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. The study must include, but is not limited to, review of athletic director qualifications, the industrial arts endorsement, waivers for educators holding certificates from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, reciprocity for educators holding out-of-state certification and any other revisions the State Board of Education identifies.

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The State Board of Education is directed to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 2, 2024 and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 489 An Act to Provide Equal Educational Opportunity by Adopting Rules Ensuring Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Protected Class Status in Educational Institutions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 105 amends the Maine Human Rights Act to direct the Commissioner of Education and the Maine Human Rights Commission to review the rules made under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 337, subchapter 5-B on or before January 15, 2024 and at least once every 10 years thereafter to reflect changes in statute and best practices to ensure an individual's right to freedom from discrimination in education. Resolve 2023, chapter 105 also requires the department and the commission to initiate rulemaking as soon as practicable if the review determines that amendments to the rules are necessary.

LD 631 An Act to Change the Notification Law for School Truancy

Public Law 2023, chapter 99 provides that a superintendent may make 2 documented attempts to serve or cause to be served on a parent the written notice that attendance of the parent's child at school is required by law and provides that that notice may be served by registered or certified mail. This law is repealed September 1, 2025.

LD 684 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 116 directs the Department of Education to identify the critical components for success of the Educare model for publicly-funded statewide early childhood education programs and identify the public and private resources and implementation strategies necessary for those critical components. The Department of Education is directed to submit a report by January 29, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 753 An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 442 provides that a professional teacher certificate or educational technician certificate may be reissued to a teacher or educational technician who has been retired

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for no more than five years and whose certificate was in good standing and has lapsed. The professional teacher certificate must be issued with the same grades and subject area endorsements as were issued with the active professional teacher certificate that was held by the teacher at the time of the teacher's retirement. Both certificates must be issued for the same period and subject to the same renewal standards as regular certificates. The State Board of Education is authorized to further govern qualifications of both certificates through rulemaking.

LD 830 Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-Campus Housing on All Campuses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 17 directs the Maine Community College System to study providing on-campus housing for students, focusing in particular on campuses that do not offer housing currently. The system must consider the cost of constructing housing, available space on campuses, the cost to students, other infrastructure and staff that would be necessary to support housing, alternate housing options and any other issues the system feels are appropriate. The system must report its findings and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

LD 867 An Act Regarding Undesignated Ready-to-Use Glucagon Rescue Therapies in Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 253 allows a public school, public charter school or approved private school to obtain a standing order for undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy. It provides that only a school nurse or unlicensed school personnel who have completed the training required by rule to administer medication may administer glucagon to a student. Public Law 2023, chapter 253 also provides procedures for the storage and administration of undesignated glucagon in a public school, public charter school or approved private school.

LD 873 An Act to Continue the Department of Education Diploma Program Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 171 changes the date of the repeal of student eligibility for a Department of Education diploma due to interruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to September 1, 2026.

Public Law 2023, chapter 171 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.

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LD 881 Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-Laminated Timber

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 27 directs the University of Maine System to study the barriers to more widespread use of cross-laminated timber and make recommendations for any professional training or other measures that would promote its use in construction. It also provides that the University of Maine System may accept funds for the purpose of carrying out this study and requires the University of Maine System to submit a report based on the study to certain joint standing committees of the Legislature by December 6, 2023. Those committees may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Resolve 2023, chapter 27 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2023.

LD 892 An Act to Improve School Safety and Preparedness Through Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Planning

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 254 requires that a school comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan approved by a school board meet nationally recognized practices and be developed collaboratively with appropriate stakeholders. It also requires that any steering committee formed by the school board as part of the plan update and approval process include a school employee designated by that employee's school as having oversight regarding school safety.

LD 921 An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 101 removes the reference to and definition of “minimally processed foods” from current law governing which products may be purchased with the Local Foods Fund. Public Law 2023, chapter 101 allows the fund to be used to purchase processed and value-added food products produced in the State, which must meet standards set by the Department of Education. The department is directed to create standards for allowable processed and value-added Maine foods and provide guidance to school administrative units regarding which of those products are allowable for reimbursement.

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LD 947 An Act to Support the Distribution of Free Summer Lunches for Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 181 requires that rules adopted to implement school food service programs allow the greatest flexibility allowed under federal law with respect to meal times and packaging of meals to send home with students.

LD 1002 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 124 directs the Department of Education to convene a working group to study the school day. The study must be informed by any relevant research conducted by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute. The working group is required to consider, at a minimum: statewide, national and international approaches to the school day; instructional requirements for graduation, including but not limited to instruction in health and physical education, traffic safety education, elements of a firearm hunter safety course and a stand-alone course in personal finance; educator planning and preparation time; lunch periods, including but not limited to transit time and time required to eat; recess periods, including the timing of recess before or after lunch periods, frequency of recess periods and differences in recess periods at each grade level; electives and allied arts courses; to the extent offered, after-school and extended day programs; and school day start times.

The department is required to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2024 and the joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1018 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 125 directs the Department of Education to establish a working group of stakeholders and other interested parties to review the responsibilities, functions and staffing of the State Board of Education. The department is directed to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the findings of the working group by January 15, 2025.

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LD 1026 Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 56 directs the University of Maine System to study the feasibility of establishing a dental therapy degree program at the University of Maine at Augusta. The system must consider costs associated with establishing the program, demand for such a program and any other issues the system considers appropriate. By November 6, 2024, the University of Maine System must submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee may report out legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 based on the report.

LD 1033 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop and Distribute Guidance for Diploma Options at the Arthur R. Gould School

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 41 directs the Department of Education to create and distribute guidance for superintendents, principals, school counselors and the principal of the Arthur R. Gould School to inform them of diploma options for residents of the Long Creek Youth Development Center who are attending the Arthur R. Gould School pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3815 and who are preparing to graduate.

LD 1089 An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 183 requires the Maine Charter School Commission or a representative of the commission to appear before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to present its annual report. The commission's appearance before the committee must be in person unless otherwise authorized.

LD 1160 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 118 directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, to identify and analyze all school funding data and reports available through or compiled by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, the so-called Picus report and any other relevant data and reports available to the department in order to make

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recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The analysis must include, but is not limited to, components of the school funding formula such as transportation costs, a municipality's ability to contribute to school funding, allocations for career and technical education, metrics for calculating the economically disadvantaged student factor, and any other components or issues identified.

Resolve 2023, chapter 118 requires the department to provide the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs monthly updates and submit a final report to the committee no later than January 15, 2024. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1183 An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 457 establishes the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund in the Department of Education to issue grants to eligible school administrative units to purchase school kitchen and cafeteria equipment needed to serve healthy meals, to improve food safety in school kitchens and cafeterias, to support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and to reimburse food costs related to medically necessary dietary restrictions of students. It also requires the department to apply for federal grants available to support these purposes and requires the State Controller to lapse \$343,781 in unencumbered balances from the Department of Education, Alternative Breakfast Delivery Service Program, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

LD 1264 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 102 establishes the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education to review all laws and rules pertaining to higher education in the State and addressing related public policy.

LD 1283 Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 92 reestablishes the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System. The Task Force's duties include examining the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive four-year high school career and technical education

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program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade and increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical education programs. The Task Force is required to report its findings and recommendations no later than January 15, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 92 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 7, 2023.

LD 1315 An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 460 requires a public school to offer training to secondary students on how to administer naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray. It also directs the Department of Education to adopt rules that must provide that the training is an extracurricular instruction, that instruction is delivered by a qualified individual and that the standards for instruction are based on those of a nationally recognized program, organization or agency.

LD 1366 An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 200 creates an alternative pathway to an educational technician III certification that does not require the minimum 90 credits of approved study in an educationally related field as required by State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. Public Law 2023, chapter 200 provides that the Commissioner of Education may approve training programs for certification as an educational technician III offered by accredited postsecondary institutions in this State, including but not limited to learning facilitator programs offered through the Maine Community College System. An applicant who successfully completes an approved program and meets all certification requirements other than the minimum 90 credits of approved study in an educationally related field may be certified as an educational technician III. The certified applicant is eligible for certificate renewal in the same manner as other education technician III certifications but is not eligible for an emergency teacher certificate.

LD 1389 An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 461 requires the Department of Education to establish a mobile learning lab for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

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LD 1415 An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 462 does the following.

1. It requires the State Board of Education, in administering funding for integrated, consolidated 9-16 educational facilities, to allow the governing body of one high school or a regional high school to apply for funding for a proposed school. Current state board rules require 2 high schools or a regional high school to apply. It directs the board to amend its rules to be consistent with this change.
2. It allows for one school administrative unit with multiple high schools, instead of one high school or a regional high school, to apply for funding for an integrated, consolidated grade 9-16 educational facility under State Board of Education rules.
3. It allows a school administrative unit, in fiscal year 2024-25, to apply for funding for both a major capital school construction project under State Board of Education rules.
4. It requires the Commissioner of Education to conduct a study for the purpose of making recommendations on researching and identifying alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State.

LD 1420 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elementary and Secondary Education System by Clarifying Purposes and Procedures for Reviews of Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, Chapter 397 provides that the Commissioner of Education shall inspect private schools approved for tuition purposes that enroll 60% or more publicly funded students in the same manner as a school or schools in a school administrative unit upon the petition of 60% of the parents of the children of one school, if requested by the school board of a qualified sending school administrative unit or upon the petition of 20% of the voters of a qualified sending school administrative unit. A “qualified sending school administrative unit” is defined as a school administrative unit that contracts for school privileges for at least 20% of its resident students to attend the private school approved for tuition purposes that is the subject of the request or petition.

Public Law 2023, chapter 397 also provides that in addition to the commissioner periodically reviewing all public schools and all private schools that receive public funds to determine their compliance with the applicable provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, the commissioner shall also review for compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act.

Public Law 2023, chapter 397 also provides for a comprehensive review of schools, school administrative units and private schools approved for tuition purposes. The commissioner is

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required to select 5 schools, school administrative units or private schools approved for tuition purposes at random every two years, with exceptions for schools going through New England Association of Schools or Colleges (NEASC) accreditation or who have gone through a comprehensive review within the past 10 years. Selected schools are required to ensure the physical site is available for review and make available to the commissioner documents related to basic school approval, compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act, the statewide assessment program, implementation of the system of learning results and health and safety requirements. If the commissioner finds that a school or schools are not in compliance with basic school approval standards or other requirements of Title 20-A, the commissioner is required to provide the school or schools with a corrective action plan. If the commissioner finds that a school or schools are not in compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act, the commissioner is required to refer the finding to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

LD 1458 An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 464 appropriates funding to support the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and provides that students from the State may attend the school without paying the cost of room and board. It also requires the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to annually submit a sustainability report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.

LD 1472 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 44 directs the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to amend their rules governing the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund to increase the maximum total loans from the fund for repair, renovation and improvement projects for Priority One, Priority Two, Priority Three, Priority Four and Priority Five projects for a school building from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 and to increase the maximum loan amount from the fund to address each priority level in a school building from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 within any 5-year period.

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LD 1526 Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 112 directs the Department of Education to provide grants to school administrative units to support reading proficiency programming. The criteria for awarding grants must include a requirement that school administrative units develop programming consistent with high-quality, evidence-based literacy tenets developed by the department. The department is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2025 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025. Resolve 2023, chapter 112 provides one-time funding to support the grants.

LD 1528 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Submit a Report on Services Provided By the Child Development Services System and by School Administrative Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 82 requires the Department of Education to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, no later than February 15, 2024, regarding the provision of services by the Child Development Services System for eligible children from 3 years of age to under six years of age in school administrative units and authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1556 An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 278 allows the President of the Maine Maritime Academy to designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine Maritime Academy.

LD 1608 An Act to Address Teacher Shortages Through Financial Assistance and Career Advancement Opportunities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 469 requires the University of Maine System to annually submit a report to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over education matters on the status of the Maine teacher residency program administered by the university and provides one-time funds in fiscal year 2024-25 to support the program.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 469 also directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute (MEPRI) to study the development of career ladders for educators and requires MEPRI to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

LD 1656 An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private & Special Law 2023, chapter 14 adds one additional member to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System. It requires the Governor to appoint one undergraduate student and one graduate student that have been jointly recommended by the student government associations of each campus to the Board of Trustees. It provides that the student members are full voting members of the board of trustees and serve two-year terms and requires the board of trustees to adopt a policy on student membership with input from the student members and to report this policy to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by November 6, 2024.

LD 1786 An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 12 replaces the original 1953 charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District, as amended. It eliminates numerous outdated charter provisions and aligns governance and operations with state law. It follows the budget validation referendum process in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105 and requires voter approval of capital bonds. It retains the district's current cost-sharing formula.

LD 1799 An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 477 establishes an annual reporting requirement for the Department of Education to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the expansion of public preschool programs and adds that it is the goal of the State to establish an equitable, mixed-delivery public preschool system that provides universal access for preschool-aged children and their families in accordance with the following timeline: 60% by the 2024-2025 school year; 80% by the 2025-2026 school year; and 100% by the 2026-2027 school year.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 477 also establishes the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education and requires the commission to explore options to provide full-day preschool and pathways for publicly funded early care and education programs, develop a plan and make recommendations on aligning programs and blending and braiding funding.

Public Law 2023, chapter 477 requires the Department of Education to develop a plan to align the credentials and training earned through the Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network with those earned through the Department of Education early childhood education certification. The Department is also required to report, no later than November 15, 2023, to the commission and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on progress relating to public preschool expansion, including establishment of state and community partnerships for a mixed delivery of child care and early childhood education programs and services through community and school-based providers.

Public Law 2023, chapter 477 requires the commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 6, 2023. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill based on the recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1861 An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 480 requires school administrative units to establish attendance review teams or committees to address chronic absenteeism if chronic absenteeism rates exceed certain levels. An attendance review team may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school counselors, school social workers or teachers.

LD 1988 An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Child Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 486 provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 to match funds provided for child care services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus.

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LD 18 An Act to Provide Ongoing Funding for up to 2 Years of Community College for Certain Maine Students

Although this bill was not enacted, funding and eligibility and conditions for the Maine Community College System 2-year free community college tuition program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part QQQ.

LD 612 An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for contracted services to support school districts in the State seeking to implement energy efficiency, clean energy, clean transportation and other general sustainability programs was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

LD 957 An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 1309 An Act to Clarify Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System

Although this bill was not enacted, a majority of the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part YYY.

LD 1367 An Act Regarding the Funding Formula for Adult Education

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part RRR.

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LD 1773 An Act to Increase the State’s Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers

Although this bill was carried over in committee, an almost identical bill, LD 112, An Act to Increase the State’s Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance, was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part OOOOO.

LD 1898 An Act to Ensure that a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior is Protected Under a Collective Bargaining Agreement

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.