

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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appropriate officers as needed. The district council shall meet at least twice a year.

Sec. 4. 27 MRSA § 114, sub-§ 2, ¶ E, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is amended to read:

E. Assist in the development of a comprehensive district plan ~~based upon community plans of service~~;

Sec. 5. 27 MRSA § 117, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The State Librarian, with the advice of the district council, shall appoint a staff member, or contract with an area reference and resource center, to provide district consultant services to one or more districts as determined by the policies established by the commissioner.

Sec. 6. 27 MRSA § 117, sub-§ 1, ¶ G, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

G. Help evolve a district plan of service.

Sec. 7. 27 MRSA § 119 is enacted to read:

§ 119. Distribution of appropriations

The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, with the advice of the Maine Library Commission, is authorized to distribute on a per capita basis, in support of local library services, moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 126

### AN ACT to Provide Civil Immunity for Persons Participating in Administering Immunizing Agents.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

22 MRSA § 906 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 906. Epidemics

1. Orders and regulations. In case of emergency or threatened epidemic of disease which may affect more than one municipality, the department may, if it shall appear necessary and proper for the protection of life and health,

make such further orders and regulations as, in its opinion, the public exigency may require. Such orders and regulations shall become effective immediately on their promulgation.

2. Public immunization. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any other law, the following provisions shall apply when a public immunization program is necessitated.

A. In the event that the Director of the Bureau of Health determines that there is a threatened epidemic or emergency which necessitates public immunization, a public immunization program may be carried out by the department.

B. No person who works as a volunteer in a public immunization program, without the expectation or receipt of monetary compensation for any aspect of implementing such a program, shall be liable:

(1) For damages or injuries alleged to have been sustained by a person immunized under the program; nor

(2) For damages for the death of a person immunized under the program, unless it is established that the injuries or the death were caused willfully, wantonly, recklessly or by gross negligence by the volunteer.

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## CHAPTER 127

### AN ACT Relating to the Fair Trade Act.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

10 MRSA c. 203, as amended, is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 128

### AN ACT to Clarify the Criminal Trespass Law.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

17-A MRSA § 402, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended to read: