

# **MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE**

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programs in the school year 1976-77 and the vocational subsidy allocation for the school year 1977-78 shall be computed; and

(b) That difference shall be divided by the number of pupils served on October 1st and April 1st of the school year 1976-77 to determine the per pupil tuition rate.

If any bill authorized under this subparagraph is not paid within 30 days after submission, the vocational center or region may appeal to the commissioner under section 1292.

Vocational regions shall be declared to be administrative units entitled to receive state aid. All subsidies earned by vocational regions, vocational centers or satellites shall be paid directly to the administrative unit which operates the vocational region, center or satellite.

Expenditures for the first 6 months and expenditure estimates for the next 6 months as submitted by vocational regions, or member units of those regions, shall be used in computing transportation reimbursements to the regions for the fiscal year 1978 and thereafter, notwithstanding any other section of this Title. The commissioner is authorized to obtain expenditures and estimates and to make the necessary adjustments in vocational education cost estimates in accordance with the definition of vocational education costs for subsidy purposes.

**Sec. 6. Application.** This Act shall not affect the distribution of school subsidies until July 1, 1978.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Effective July 1, 1977

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## CHAPTER 311

### AN ACT to Assist in the Determination of the Mental Condition of Criminal Defendants.

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

**Sec. 1.** 15 MRSA § 101, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 718, § 1, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence:

The court may order that observations, interviews and investigative reports regarding the behavior of the respondent made by law enforcement officials be made available to the designated psychiatrist or licensed psychologist for the limited purpose of this examination.

Sec. 2. 16 MRSA § 604, sub-§ 1, ¶ G, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 763, § 3, is amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence:

This includes, but is not limited to, a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections under Title 15, section 101, to determine the mental condition of that accused person.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 312

### AN ACT Relating to Sentences for Leaving the Scene of an Accident which Results in Death or Injury.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 893 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

#### § 893. Accidents involving death or personal injury

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible, but shall then forthwith return to the scene. The driver shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has given his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving, and shall, upon request and if available, exhibit his operator's license to the person struck or the driver or occupant of any vehicle collided with, and shall render to any person injured in the accident reasonable assistance.

A violation of this section is a Class D crime.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 894 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

#### § 894. Accidents involving damage to vehicle

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible, but shall forthwith return to the scene and in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has given his name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving, and exhibited, upon request and if available, his operator's license to the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle with which he collided.

A violation of this section is a Class E crime.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 896 is repealed.