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## CHAPTER 289

S.P. 388 - L.D. 1065

## An Act Relating to the Finalization of Divorces

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

19 MRSA §662, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Finalization. In an action for annulment or divorce under sections 632 or 691, the trial court may, upon motion for entry of final judgment during the pendency of the appeal period, grant a final judgment of annulment or divorce between the parties provided that the court expressly finds that there is not just cause for delay and entry of judgment will not prejudice the legal or equitable rights of a party during the pendency of an appeal. The filing of a motion under this subsection does not stay an award of child or spousal support or parental rights and responsibilities, except by order of the court under the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 290

S.P. 377 - L.D. 1054

## An Act to Revise the Laws Concerning Innovative Educational Grants

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

20-A MRSA §17103, as amended by PL 1989, c. 548, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§17103. School-based innovative projects

1. Objectives. Innovative project matching grants may be awarded to local school administrative units for projects that promote improvement on a school-wide basis. Allowable costs for school-based innovative grant projects are the excess cost of implementing approved projects. Allowable costs in all eligible years must be funded through a grant made on the same matching basis as the division of state and local shares in a school administrative unit's state and local allocation in the year prior to the year of allocation with the minimum state share being 50%. Each project must include a plan to more effectively meet the learning needs and improve the academic performance of all students through:

A. The development of comprehensive goals prescribing what all students should know, the skills they should possess and the attitudes they should hold upon completing school; and

B. A commitment to revise the basic school structure to achieve the comprehensive goals.

2. Competitive awards. Matching grants must be awarded on a competitive basis to local school administrative units. Priority must be given to proposals that the commissioner determines are most likely to make a lasting contribution to education in the State, that are reasonably cost-effective and that can be replicated elsewhere. The commissioner shall identify additional priority areas using information from basic school approval, accreditation and statewide student assessment programs. In exceptional circumstances, the commissioner may waive the local-state matching fund requirement.

A. Local school administrative units may be awarded matching grants up to \$30,000.

B. Local school administrative units are eligible for up to 5 years of continuing funding.

C. Awards in subsequent years may be made for projects identified by the commissioner as having exceptional merit.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 291

H.P. 737 - L.D. 1041

## An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Office of Information Services and the Information Services Policy Board

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1885, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 857, §25, is further amended to read:

1. Appointment of director. The deputy commissioner shall appoint the Director of Data Processing with the approval of the commissioner and in accordance with the Civil Service Law. The director of the bureau must be a person with demonstrated knowledge, training and skills and significant experience in data processing and computer services. In addition, the director must have a high record of achievement in providing data processing and computer programming services to multiple and diverse users.

~~A. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the deputy commissioner.~~

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1892, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 857, §34, is further amended to read:

The board consists of 45 17 voting members and 2 advisory members appointed as provided in this sec-