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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14212-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 369, Pt. B, §10, is amended to read:

B. Requirements for licensing, operating and inspecting schools. At a minimum, the rules must include standards relating to educational programs, including the styling and treatment of textured hair, instructor qualifications, school operation, academic and student records and record keeping, health, safety and sanitation, physical facilities of the school and off-site classrooms, payment of refunds, notices and information to be provided to students and credit for education obtained in subjects that are considered substantially equivalent to applied courses offered and consistent with this chapter;

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CHAPTER 258

S.P. 733 - L.D. 1863

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Space Corporation

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13201, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is amended to read:

The Maine Space Corporation is established as a body corporate and politic to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Notwithstanding any provision of Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 4, paragraph C to the contrary, the corporation is a nonprofit corporation with public and charitable purposes. The duties, activities and operations of the corporation must align with the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3). The corporation is a quasi-independent state entity as defined in section 12021, subsection 5. When exercising the powers conferred to it by this chapter, the corporation is deemed to act as an instrumentality of the State conducting an essential governmental function. The corporation shall leverage the State's geographic, rocketry, manufacturing and higher education assets and capabilities to establish the State as a national and international industry destination and an authority in launching small launch vehicles and small satellites into polar orbit by:

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13203, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is amended to read:

C. ~~Exercise~~ Notwithstanding Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 4, paragraph C, exercise all of the general powers of corporations under Title 13-C, section 302 a nonprofit corporation under Title 13-B, section 202;

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13203, sub-§4, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is amended to read:

E. For transacting business at board meetings, a majority of directors then in office constitutes a quorum. The vote of a majority of the directors present at board meetings constitutes the act of the board of directors whether or not there is a vacancy at the time of the vote.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13210, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §13210-A is enacted to read:

§13210-A. Operation, termination and dissolution of corporation

1. Operation of corporation. Notwithstanding Title 13-B, section 102, subsection 4, paragraph C, the corporation shall operate as a nonprofit corporation under Title 13-B, section 202 consistent with its composition and broad public purposes.

2. Prerequisites for dissolution. The corporation may not be dissolved until:

A. It is terminated by the Legislature; and

B. The bonds, premium, if any, and interest have been paid or a sufficient amount for the payment of the bonds and interest to maturity or a prior redemption date have been irrevocably set aside in trust for the benefit of the bondholders.

3. Dedication of funds. The corporation's organizing document must contain a provision requiring that upon the dissolution of the corporation, all funds, assets and other property of the corporation must be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3) or distributed to the State for a public purpose.

Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §13212 is enacted to read:

§13212. Confidential records

The records and proceedings of the corporation are public for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13 except as otherwise provided in this section.

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "proprietary information" means information that is:

A. A trade secret; or

B. Manufacturing, commercial or financial information, the disclosure of which would:

(1) Impair the competitive position of the corporation or the person submitting the information; and

(2) Would make publicly available information that is not otherwise publicly available.

2. Information public unless designated as confidential; proprietary information. Information provided to or developed by the corporation and included in a business or marketing plan is considered a public record unless the person to whom the information belongs or pertains requests that it be designated as confidential and the corporation determines that it contains proprietary information, in which case it is not a public record under Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A.

3. Tax or financial information. Any financial statement or supporting data of a financial statement or tax return of any person is confidential.

4. Credit assessment. Any record obtained by the corporation that contains an assessment of the credit-worthiness, credit rating or financial condition of any person is confidential.

This section does not prohibit the disclosure of information that is otherwise publicly available.

Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §13213 is enacted to read:

§13213. Exemption from property tax

In addition to any other basis for exemption from taxation, the corporation is exempt from property taxation imposed pursuant to Title 36, Part 2.

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CHAPTER 259

H.P. 259 - L.D. 405

**An Act to Require Reporting
on the Uses of Prisoner
Segregation**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1660, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Information on segregation. The report must include the following information for county jails and regional jails about prisoners who have been segregated and not allowed to leave their cells for a minimum of 22 hours out of a 24-hour period during the prior calendar year:

A. The total number of prisoners who were segregated;

B. For each instance of segregation, the total amount of time a prisoner was segregated; and

C. The reason why the prisoner was segregated.

As used in this subsection, "segregation" means the separation of a prisoner from the general population of a county jail or regional jail for administrative or punitive reasons.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §1660, as amended by PL 2015, c. 315, §3, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters is authorized to submit legislation to address issues raised by the report.

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §1402, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Report on segregated prisoners. On or before January 15, 2026 and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters that includes the following information for each correctional facility about prisoners who have been segregated and not allowed to leave their cells for a minimum of 22 hours out of a 24-hour period during the prior calendar year:

A. The total number of prisoners who were segregated;

B. For each instance of segregation, the total amount of time a prisoner was segregated; and

C. The reason why the prisoner was segregated.

After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters is authorized to submit legislation to address issues raised by the report.

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CHAPTER 260

H.P. 408 - L.D. 640

**An Act Requiring That Certain
Fees Charged by the Courts for
Court-ordered Payments Be
Capped and Paid by the
Defendant**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §556, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §5, is further amended to read:

Whenever any of these funds are ordered by the courts to be paid to a person entitled to these funds, all accrued interest shall must be paid to the claimant less a 5% fee based on the total proceeds. Before receiving any funds under this section, the clerk shall inform all prospective parties to the court judgment or decree that a 5% fee will be assessed on all accrued interest as required by this section. The nonprevailing party or parties shall pay the court a fee equal to 5% of all interest accrued, but in no event may the fee exceed \$1,000, unless otherwise ordered by the court. Whenever any of