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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

A. Persons at the time of the notice performing a service for wages or other remuneration under a contract of hire, expressed or implied, for the public utility or competitive electricity provider; and

B. The public utility's and the competitive electricity provider's affiliated interests and utility contractors.

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CHAPTER 408

H.P. 700 - L.D. 1078

An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1341, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Authorized service models. A certified hypodermic apparatus exchange program may:

A. Operate mobile sites within the municipality where the program is certified, including rotating locations, variable schedules or temporary setups, as long as the program ensures the safe collection and disposal of hypodermic apparatuses and operates within parameters preapproved by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. For the purposes of this paragraph, "parameters" means a set of general operating conditions, such as geographic zones, time frames or site types, that allows certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to operate flexibly within those defined boundaries, rather than being limited to fixed locations; and

B. Provide delivery services of hypodermic apparatuses within the program's service area, as long as the delivery ensures client confidentiality, safe handling and proper disposal. The program may deliver only to locations where it has been expressly invited by an individual or entity with legal authority to authorize access to that location.

Expansion of sites under this subsection does not entitle a certified hypodermic apparatus exchange program to additional funds under an existing contract with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

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CHAPTER 409

H.P. 713 - L.D. 1091

An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Requiring Opportunity for Public Comment

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2608 is enacted to read:

§2608. Public comment at public meetings of municipal officers

A reasonable opportunity for public comment must be provided on matters addressed by the municipal governing body at any regularly scheduled public meeting of the municipal officers. This section does not apply to a subcommittee meeting of a municipal governing body. This section does not preempt or restrict the municipal governing body from adopting and enforcing reasonable standards governing public comment, including time limits and conduct standards.

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CHAPTER 410

H.P. 867 - L.D. 1332

An Act to Establish the Community Schools Success Fund to Ensure the Implementation and Success of Community Schools Programs

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9924 is enacted to read:

§9924. Community Schools Success Fund

1. Fund established. The Community Schools Success Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as a nonlapsing fund to provide grants to community schools, local education providers and nonprofit organizations. The commissioner shall administer the fund to provide community schools with assistance with the following:

A. Community needs audits and community schools resources assessment;

B. Readiness plan assessments;

C. New and ongoing sustainability efforts;

D. Professional development and training; and

E. Peer support and mentoring efforts.

For the purposes of this section, "local education provider" means a school administrative unit, a school located in an unorganized territory pursuant to chapter 119, a public charter school authorized pursuant to chapter 112 and a school or program established under Part 4, Subpart 2.

2. Grant recipients; supporting documentation.

To receive a grant under this section, a potential recipient must be designated as a community school pursuant to section 9922, must be a school administrative unit that has begun developing a community school plan pursuant to section 9922, subsection 1 for a school not yet designated as a community school or must be a local education provider located in a school administrative unit with a community school or a nonprofit organization that supports community school programs. A potential recipient shall submit to the department a grant utilization plan that includes the scope of work that will be supported by the grant and a description of programs administered by the potential recipient that support community schools.

3. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of the fund, including eligibility standards for the awarding of grants from the fund under this section and rules for determining the allowable uses of grants by eligible recipients, which must include, but are not limited to, hiring or contracting, technical assistance, professional development and training and attending statewide training and conferences. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Community Schools Success Fund N554

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures of funds received to provide grants to community schools, local education providers and nonprofit organizations.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

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CHAPTER 411

H.P. 963 - L.D. 1471

**An Act to Require Energy
Efficiency Disclosure
Statements for Certain Rental
Housing in the State**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6030-C, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Failure to provide energy efficiency disclosure statement. Beginning January 1, 2030, a tenant under subsection 2 who does not receive a signed energy efficiency disclosure statement as required by this section may terminate the tenant's lease by providing the landlord a 30-day written notice. Except as provided in section 6033, a landlord may not retain any fee, any security deposit or a portion of a security deposit for a lease or tenancy at will terminated as a result of a failure to provide a signed energy efficiency disclosure statement in accordance with this section.

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CHAPTER 412

S.P. 645 - L.D. 1637

**An Act to Reform the Midcoast
Regional Redevelopment
Authority**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13083-G, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 641, §1, is amended to read:

2. Intermediate goal. Recover economic losses and total job losses in the primary impact community resulting from the base closure; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13083-G, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 641, §1, is amended to read:

3. Long-term goal. Facilitate the maximum redevelopment of base properties; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13083-G, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Environmental stewardship. Engage in environmental stewardship to protect against harm to the environment and residents of the primary impact community.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13083-I, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 599, §1, is amended to read: