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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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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		

See title page for effective date.

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:

2. Membership; appointment. The authority is governed by a board of trustees composed of ~~11~~ 12 voting members appointed pursuant to paragraphs C and D by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters and to confirmation by the Senate and one additional trustee who serves as a voting member appointed pursuant to paragraph F by the Governor.

A. ~~Trustees~~ Except for the trustee appointed pursuant to paragraph F, ~~trustees~~ are appointed for 4-year terms, except that, for initial appointments, 3 trustees are appointed to one-year terms, 3 trustees are appointed to 2-year terms, 2 trustees are appointed to 3-year terms, 2 trustees are appointed to 4-year terms and the ~~commissioner~~ commissioners designated pursuant to paragraph D ~~serves~~ serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

B. A trustee continues to hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified, but the term of the successor is not altered from the original expiration date of the holdover trustee's term.

C. The Governor shall ~~make 10 appointments appoint 10 trustees, who serve as voting members, of which no fewer than 7 must be from candidates who are residents of Androscoggin County, Cumberland County and Sagadahoc County and are nominated by the primary impact communities at least 3 are residents of Brunswick, Brunswick town officials or Brunswick business owners and at least one is a resident of Topsham, a staff member of the Topsham town administration or a Topsham business owner.~~ The Governor shall appoint members who reflect the diversity of interests represented by these communities.

D. The Governor shall designate ~~a commissioner~~ 2 commissioners of a department ~~2 different departments~~ of State Government to be a voting, ex officio ~~member~~ members of the board of trustees.

E. ~~A member appointed to the board of trustees may not hold an elected office in municipal, county or state government.~~

F. The Governor shall appoint one trustee, who serves as a voting member, from a preapproved list of candidates for the trustee seat provided by the Brunswick town council.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §13083-K, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Uniform Environmental Covenants Act. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all property held by the authority is subject to the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act.

Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §488, sub-§15, as amended by PL 2011, c. 551, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a proposed development to be located on property owned or controlled by the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority established in Title 5, section 13083-G.

Sec. 7. Establishment of environmental covenants. No later than January 1, 2027, the board of trustees of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority shall enter into environmental covenants pursuant to the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act for all property held by the authority.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 413

S.P. 679 - L.D. 1733

An Act to Provide Reduced Interest Rates for Logging and Fishing Operations

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1023-Q is enacted to read:

§1023-Q. Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Fishing enterprise" means any enterprise directly or indirectly concerned with the commercial harvest of wild or aquacultured marine organisms whose primary source of income is derived from such harvesting. "Fishing enterprise" includes licensed persons who fish commercially, aquaculturists and cooperatives for persons who fish commercially.

B. "Fund" means the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund.

C. "Logging enterprise" means a person who qualifies as an independent contractor under Title 26, section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph E and who is engaged in harvesting or hauling trees from forest land for a forest landowner.

2. Program authorized. In accordance with this section, the authority shall establish and oversee the Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Program to increase the availability of capital by financing loans to a logging enterprise or fishing enterprise.

3. Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund. The Improvements to Logging and Fishing Enterprises Loan Fund is established within the