

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 4, 2024 to March 21, 2025**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**March 25, 2025 to June 25, 2025**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 20, 2025**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2025**

be paid in full or in part by the commissioner except that the commissioner may not provide or reimburse parents for providing transportation of students over roads that have not been accepted by the county as public roads or do not meet Department of Transportation standards. ~~Beginning with fiscal year 2009-10, the commissioner may not reimburse parents for the transportation of a student.~~

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §3271, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 614, §8, is further amended to read:

**3. Exceptions.** Attendance at school or an alternative education program is not required of:

- A. A person who has graduated from high school before the person's 17th birthday;
- B. A person who ~~is~~ has attained at least 15 years ~~old of age~~, has completed the 9th grade and has permission to leave school to participate in a suitable program of training or combined work and study from a parent and the commissioner; ~~and~~
- C. A person who has been adjudged a truant and has been excused from attendance pursuant to procedures established by the commissioner; ~~or~~
- D. A person who has matriculated and is attending an accredited postsecondary degree-granting institution as a full-time student. An exception to attendance in public school under this paragraph must be approved by the commissioner.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §3272, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 304, §2, is further amended to read:

- B. An appointment with a health professional that must be made during the regular school day ~~and the absence has prior approval;~~

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**CHAPTER 438  
H.P. 19 - L.D. 55**

**An Act to Amend the Law  
Governing the Accrual of  
Earned Paid Leave**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §637, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 156, §3 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

**3. Accrual.** An employee is entitled to earn one hour of paid leave from a single employer for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours in one year of employment. Accrual of leave begins at the start of employment, but the employer is not required to permit use of

the leave before the employee has been employed by that employer for 120 days during a one-year period. Accrued and unused hours of earned paid leave from the previous year of employment must be available for use by an employee in the year of employment immediately following the previous year. Accrued and unused hours of earned paid leave carried forward from the previous year of employment may not reduce the total amount of hours of paid leave an employee is entitled to earn in the year of employment immediately following the previous year, up to 40 hours or the accrual limit specified in the employer's policy governing paid leave, whichever is higher. The Department of Labor shall enforce this subsection within existing resources using strategic enforcement.

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**CHAPTER 439  
H.P. 34 - L.D. 70**

**An Act to Fund Free Health  
Clinics**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
0143**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the State's free health clinics. The funding is to be distributed based on a formula adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services using the number of clients served and a base amount for each clinic.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

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**CHAPTER 440  
H.P. 58 - L.D. 93**

**An Act to Reduce Cost and  
Increase Access to Disease  
Prevention by Expanding the  
Universal Childhood  
Immunization Program to  
Include Adults**

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