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related to COVID-19, to purchase service credit in the state retirement system for the income lost from the extracurricular or cocurricular position. The opportunity to purchase service credit is limited to teachers who are in their last three years of service and who previously earned income from an extracurricular or cocurricular position that is eliminated or otherwise unavailable during the period from January 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. The law also clarifies that the lost income is included in the teacher's calculation of average final compensation.

Public Law 2021, chapter 225 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2021.

#### LD 594 Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Submit to the United States Secretary of Labor a Plan for a Self-employment Assistance Program

#### ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 20 directs the Department of Labor to submit to the United States Secretary of Labor and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing a plan to reinstate the self-employment assistance program pursuant to Public Law 1993, chapter 710 and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1197. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing is authorized to submit a bill regarding the program to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

## **LD 609** Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

#### ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 59 establishes the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions, which is a 15-member commission directed to review data on housing shortages in the State for low-income and middle-income households, state laws that affect the local regulation of housing and efforts in other states and municipalities to address housing shortages; to consider measures that would encourage increased housing options in the State; and to review and consider the historical role of race and racism in zoning policies and the best measures to ensure that state and municipal zoning laws do not serve as barriers to racial equality. The commission must, no later than November 3, 2021, submit a report, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing.

Resolve 2021, chapter 59 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2021.

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