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STATE OF MAINE

 130^{TH} Legislature First Regular and First Special Sessions



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3. Meet the financial need of their students in their financial aid awards.

Postsecondary educational institutions are required to summarize in detail the results of their review, including best practices and recommendations for reform, and report the results of their review to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 1, 2021. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation related to the reports to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 1172 An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 180 temporarily waives, during the 2021-22 school year, the requirement that school administrative units evaluate the performance of teachers and principals. Teachers in the 2nd year of a probationary period are not included in the waiver created by this law.

LD 1188 An Act To Include Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 441 adds career and technical education teachers to the list of educators subject to the minimum \$40,000 salary requirement. It also requires the Department of Education to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the status of the salary initiative. The report must include verification that all professions intended to be included in the initiative are in fact included. If the department identifies any areas of deficiency, its report to the committee must include a plan for remediation. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the department's report in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Public Law 2021, chapter 441 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2021.

LD 1189 An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 228 makes changes to the statutes governing teacher certification as follows.

- 1. It amends the definition of "educational specialist".
- 2. It creates a new emergency teacher certificate and reciprocal professional certificate.