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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

### **LD 1802 An Act To Amend the Requirements of the Reorganization Plan for the Formation of Regional School Units**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 537 provides that the Commissioner of Education may approve a school administrative unit's proposed reorganization plan for consolidation into a regional school unit if the plan provides comprehensive programming:

1. For all students from grade 9 to grade 12 within the regional school unit, with programming for students from kindergarten to grade 8 provided by the separate school administrative units;
2. For all students from kindergarten to grade 8 within the regional school unit, with programming for students from grade 9 to grade 12 provided by either operating a school or contracting for school privileges pursuant to chapter 115; or
3. For all students in a grade configuration that meets the needs of the students from the municipalities that make up the regional school unit, with programming for all other students provided by either operating a school or contracting for school privileges pursuant to chapter 115.

Public Law 2021, chapter 537 also repeals a provision that provided an additional exception to the size requirements for a proposed reorganization plan for consolidation into a regional school unit for students in an isolated rural community that is no longer necessary.

### **LD 1816 An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 722 directs the University of Maine System to establish a labor and community education center at the University of Southern Maine focused on providing lifelong community-based labor education, research and outreach and provides ongoing funds to establish the center.

### **LD 1838 An Act To Improve Student Access to Postsecondary School Transcripts and Diplomas**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 538 provides that, upon the request of a current or former student, a two-year postsecondary educational institution or four-year postsecondary educational institution is required to provide that student's transcript or diploma and may not condition the release of the transcript or diploma on an agreement to a repayment plan unless the student owes a debt of \$500