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LD 2099 An Act to Amend Certain Eligibility Requirements for Secondary Students Receiving State Subsidies for Postsecondary Courses

Public Law 2025, chapter 631 updates certain eligibility and academic requirements for secondary school students receiving a state subsidy for postsecondary courses. The law amends the statutory provision regarding the required recommendation for a student to receive a state subsidy for a postsecondary course to provide that a student must receive a recommendation from the student's school to take a postsecondary course at a public postsecondary institution. It also clarifies that the recommendation may come from a school official with knowledge of the student's academic performance.

Public Law 2025, chapter 631 also requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the public postsecondary institutions in the State, to provide a report regarding the effect of changes made by this legislation to eligibility requirements for a secondary school student to receive a state subsidy for postsecondary courses and regarding the imposition of lifetime credit caps on secondary school students and career and technical education students in a designated early college career pathway. By February 1, 2028, the department is required to submit a report, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, which may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2109 An Act to Define “Public Education” and Clarify That a Private School Receiving Approval for Public Tuition Must Be Located in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 632 provides that a private school receiving approval for public funds for tuition purposes must be located within the State. It also defines the term “public education” and corrects a reference to the term.

Public Law 2025, chapter 632 provides that a private school approved for tuition purposes pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5204, subsection 4 that is located outside of the State at which a student from the State is enrolled pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5204, subsection 4 as of the effective date of the legislation may continue to receive the tuition rate for that student calculated pursuant to Title 20-A, section 5806 until the student has completed secondary school, as long as the private school continues to meet all the requirements for approval.

LD 2111 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 18 clarifies that the board of trustees and district school committee of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District have distinct areas of responsibilities pursuant to the district charter and to statute. The law provides that the board of trustees and the district school committee must create joint bylaws in the event of issues related to overlapping responsibilities.