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that finding; if the school employee is found to have not committed the misconduct, the department must remove the notation from the file.

4. It requires that prior to offering employment to an applicant, a school entity must review the applicant's educator credentialing records or other school employee records maintained by the department to determine whether the applicant holds a valid and active certification appropriate for the position or is otherwise eligible for employment and whether any notation regarding a covered investigation has been entered on the applicant's records, and, if so, the current status of that notation.
5. It requires that, notwithstanding any confidentiality clause or any agreement between the school entity and a school employee, if, by a preponderance of the evidence, a school entity determines through its covered investigation that the school employee committed misconduct, the information pertaining to that covered investigation and findings of misconduct must be disclosed to the department and to any school entity that requests that information.

Public Law 2025, chapter 697 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 15, 2026.

LD 2226 An Act to Amend the Essential Programs and Services School Funding Formula

Public Law 2025, chapter 737 amends school funding laws as follows.

1. It updates the method for calculating the regional adjustment beginning in fiscal year 2027-28, to be based on a nationwide cost-of-living index, and provides that the regional adjustment must align with the salary matrix. It also corrects cross-references related to the regional adjustment calculation.
2. It provides that a school administrative unit's ability to pay must be adjusted by 10% for relative income.
3. It provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2027-28 and until fiscal year 2030-31, the State may not reduce the portion of a school administrative unit's state subsidy attributable to the regional adjustment and local contribution calculation and provides a three-year transition period beginning in fiscal year 2030-31.

Public Law 2025, chapter 737 also directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to study the components of the essential programs and services school funding formula and report back to the Legislature by January 15, 2027.