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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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F. The director shall implement a program designed to promote tourism and to attract tourists to the State, expand existing tourist activities within the State and help existing tourism-related businesses to attract tourists for their facilities. Such a tourism program may include coordination of activities between the public and private sectors, including assistance to local communities in their development efforts, extension of technical assistance to new and existing tourism-related industries seeking expansion within the State and utilization of trade missions, exhibits, brochures, technical assistance and expertise as may be necessary to develop and promote tourism and tourist activities within the State.

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA c. 101, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 5. Funds and equipment transferred. Notwithstanding the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, all accrued expenditures, assets and related capital equipment, liabilities, balances of appropriations, transfers, revenues or other available funds in any account or subdivision of any account of the Department of Commerce and Industry shall be allocated to the proper place in an account within the Executive Department in accordance with the distribution of functions resulting from this Act, by the State Controller, upon recommendation and allocation by the Governor and Executive Council; except that the printing equipment, the personnel operating said equipment and any account established for said printing operations shall be transferred to the Printing Division within the Department of Finance and Administration.

Sec. 6. Transitional; employees. The classified employees of the Department of Commerce and Industry whose job classifications will be maintained as classified positions in the State Planning Office or the State Development Office shall be transferred to said offices in accordance with this Act, without loss of accrued sick leave or other benefits. Classified professional employees of the Department of Commerce and Industry shall be transferred to jobs consistent with their skills and seniority, either in the State Planning Office or the State Development Office. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, classified professional employees so transferred shall retain their classified status unless they voluntarily relinquish it and shall be transferred without loss of accrued sick leave, vacation pay or other benefits. The provisions of this Act relating to professional employees shall apply only to professional employees hired for other positions or to professional employees hired in the future to replace any transferred classified professional employee when he leaves his position.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 13, 1975.

CHAPTER 482

AN ACT Amending Laws Related to Coeducational Program in Juvenile Training Centers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

15 MRSA § 2712, first ¶ as last amended by PL 1967, c. 195, § 3, is further amended by adding before the last sentence, the following 2 new sentences:

Coeducational programs may be developed at the Boys Training Center but any such program shall fully separate the housing facilities of boys and girls. A juvenile may be transferred to the Boys Training Center only when it is to the advantage of the juvenile.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 483

AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Maine Right to Know Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA § 401, last sentence, is amended to read:

It is the intent of the Legislature that their actions be taken openly and that the records of their actions be open to public inspection and their deliberations be conducted openly.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA § 402, as amended by PL 1973, c. 433, § 1, is further amended to read:

§ 402. Public proceedings defined

The term "public proceedings" as used in this subchapter shall mean the transactions of any functions affecting any or all citizens of the State by any administrative or legislative body of the State, or of any of its counties or municipalities, or of any other political or administrative subdivision of the State with which function it is charged under any statute or under any rule or regulation of such administrative or legislative body, including the Legislature of Maine and its committees and subcommittees, or agency.

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA § 402-A, is enacted to read:

§ 402-A. Public records defined

The term "public records" shall mean any writing or printing or any material in any electronic or other form of tape, in any form necessary, under or required or directed to be made or received by any statute or by any rule or regulation of any administrative or legislative body of the State, or any of its counties or municipalities, or of any other political or administrative subdivision of the State, or any such writing or printing made or received by any public official of the State or any such subdivision, except as otherwise provided by statute. Any such record not designated by statute as confidential shall be deemed to be a public record.

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA § 404, last sentence, is repealed as follows:

~~The conditions of this section shall not apply to executive sessions of committees of the Maine Legislature~~

Sec. 5. 1 MRSA §§ 405-A, 405-B and 405-C are enacted to read: