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

20 MRSA § 102, 3rd ¶, sub-§ 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. General supervision; evaluation plan; revolving account. To exercise a general supervision of all the public schools and to advise and direct the town committees and superintendents in the discharge of their duties, by circular letters and personal conference, devoting all his time to the duties of his office;

A. The administrative units may participate in a statewide student performance evaluation plan, "Maine Assessment of Educational Progress," by paying to the department an annual fee as set by the commissioner. The fee thus received by the department shall be placed in a special, nonlapsing, revolving account.

(1) The commissioner shall use the money in this account to pay for the costs of administering, analyzing and reporting the results of the evaluations performed on behalf of the participating administrative units.

(2) Costs relating to the participation of any administrative unit in the "Maine Assessment of Educational Progress" shall not be considered in calculations of the actual costs of education for purposes of reimbursement under the provisions of chapter 512-A.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 216

AN ACT Relating to Training Municipal Fire Departments, Incorporated Volunteer Fire Departments and Fire Brigades.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2551, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 72, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2551. Program

The commissioner shall have the authority to conduct a program to provide training for members of municipal fire departments, incorporated volunteer fire departments, industrial and institutional fire brigades.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2552, as amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 47, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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There shall be established an advisory committee, appointed by the commissioner to consult and advise him in carrying out the administration of section 2551. The committee shall consist of 9 members: One full-time chief and one call or volunteer chief recommended by the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.; one full-time fire fighter and one call or volunteer fire fighter recommended by the Maine Federation of Fire Fighters, Inc.; one city or town manager and one selectman recommended by the Maine Municipal Association, Inc.; one member of an industrial or institutional fire brigade recommended by the trade; one representative from the field of insurance, recommended by the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.; and the consultant of the fire service program.

Of the members first appointed, the commissioner shall designate 3 members to serve for one year, 3 members to serve for 2 years and 3 to serve for 3 years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for 3 years. The committee shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 3. Present members. The terms of those persons appointed as members of the advisory committee prior to the enactment of this Act, shall expire on the effective date of this Act.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 217

AN ACT to Limit the Duration of Sentences to County Jails.

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

17-A MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 6 is enacted to read:

6. The court may not sentence a person to imprisonment in a county jail for a period in excess of one year.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 218

AN ACT to Provide that Hancock County Commissioners Shall be Elected by Districts.

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