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STATE OF MAINE

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or private institutions shall use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of morality and justice and a sacred regard for truth; love of country, humanity and a universal benevolence; sobriety, the great principles of humanity as illustrated by kindness to birds and animals and regard for all factors which contribute to the well-being of man; industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and all other virtues which ornament human society; and to lead those under their care, as their ages and capacities admit, into a particular understanding of the tendency of such virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, secure the blessings of liberty and to promote their future happiness and the tendency of the opposite vices, to slavery, degradation and ruin. All teachers in the public schools of the State shall devote not less than 1/2 hour of each week of the school term to teaching to the children under their charge, in correlation with other studies of the school curriculum, the great principles of humanity as illustrated by kindness to birds and animals and regard for all factors which contribute to the well-being of man.

Sec. 2. 20 M RSA §§1223 to 1230 are repealed.

Sec. 3. 20 M RSA §1224-A is enacted to read:

§1224-A. Release time for religious observance

Public school students who participate in a course of moral instruction or a religious observance at their place of worship or other suitable place may be granted release time for the period actually spent on that instruction or observance, up to a maximum of one hour per week. The granting of release time shall be at the option of the local school unit and shall not result in any additional cost to the local school unit. Release time shall be granted in accordance with policies established by the local school unit.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 768

S.P. 708 - L.D. 1954

AN ACT Concerning the Counting of
Absentee Ballots in Towns with Voting
Devices.

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

21 MRSA §1079, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 464, is amended to read:

§1079. Absentee votes

Absentee votes may be cast on paper ballots or ballot cards, or both methods may be used. Such ballots may be counted by automatic tabulating equipment or by deputized personnel at the counting center appointed by and under the direction of the clerk, except that only ballots cast on ballot cards may be counted by automatic tabulating equipment. A true copy of absentee paper ballots may be made on ballot cards, which after being duly verified, shall be counted in the same manner as other ballot cards.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 769

S.P. 839 - L.D. 2263

AN ACT to Clarify the Disciplinary Procedure of the Nurse Practice Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2105-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 378, §21, is amended to read:

1. Disciplinary proceedings and sanctions. The board shall investigate a complaint, on its own motion or upon receipt of a written complaint filed with the board, regarding noncompliance with or violation of this chapter or of any rules adopted by the board. Investigation may include a hearing before the board to determine whether grounds exist for suspension, revocation or denial of a license, or as otherwise deemed necessary to the fulfillment of its responsibilities under this chapter. Hearings shall be conducted in conformity with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter IV, to the extent applicable. The board may subpoena witnesses, records and documents, including records and documents maintained by a health care facility, in any hearing it conducts.