

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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RESOLVES
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1. Whether or not the need exists for work-rest regimens and standards on the length of terminal use each working day to minimize visual, muscular and stress problems in terminal operators;

2. Whether or not the need exists for periodic vision testing of terminal operators to monitor and protect vision;

3. Whether or not the need exists to ensure proper ergonomics in the workplace, including issues such as proper illumination and glare control, optimum viewing distances, desk and chair heights and adequate back support provided by operator chairs;

4. Whether or not the need exists to ensure proper terminal maintenance to minimize health problems;

5. Whether or not the need exists for employee education on the proper use of terminals to ensure health and safety; and

6. The fiscal impact of safety measures; and be it further

Bureau of Labor Standards to promulgate rules; and to report to Legislature. Resolved: That the Bureau of Labor Standards shall use the data collected and the information resulting from study of the issues in this resolve to decide whether health and safety measures are necessary and, if necessary, to promulgate any rules, using the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8051, that are needed to provide minimal occupational safeguards for state and public employees who operate video display terminals. The bureau shall report back to the Legislature a summary of the data and information collected, along with any rules promulgated on this subject.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 36

H.P. 1223 - L.D. 1619

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to Conduct a Study of Self-insurance of Public School Properties.

Preamble. Whereas, the state and local school units spent \$10,000,000 on fire and related insurance coverage over the past 5 years and received only slightly over \$2,000,000 in claims; and

Whereas, this amounts to a cost of approximately \$800,000 per year for the State and \$700,000 per year for local units; and

Whereas, the present method of providing state aid for school construction itself protects school units from the financial burden of catastrophic loss; and

Whereas, school units can receive substantial rebates from insurance providers if they engage cooperative group purchases of insurance; and

Whereas, the Maine Insurance Advisory Board provides joint purchase of insurance coverage for State of Maine buildings and University of Maine buildings; and

Whereas, these facts suggest that various alternative methods of insuring public school buildings could produce substantial savings to both state and local school units; now, therefore, be it

Study of public school building insurance authorized. Resolved: That the Governor direct the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to conduct a study of public school building insurance, which includes input from the Maine Insurance Advisory Board to see if the current method of funding school construction, a self-insurance fund, the Maine Insurance Advisory Board's policy, or cooperative purchases of private insurance would result in a reduction in the cost of insuring public school buildings in Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That the department report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education its findings and any accompanying legislation at the beginning of the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.

Effective September 23, 1983.
