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A-1. Ensure that an American flag is displayed in every classroom in each public school in the unit; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4805, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

1. <u>Flag.</u> It shall be the duty of instructors to impress upon the youth by suitable references and observances the significance of the flag, to teach them the cost, the object and principles <u>principles</u> of our government, the inestimable sacrifices made by the founders of our Nation, the important contribution made by all who have served in the armed services of our country since its inception and to teach them to love, honor and respect the flag of our country that costs so much and is so dear to every true American citizen.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 104

H.P. 81 - L.D. 101

AN ACT Relating to Retirement Benefits of Superior Court Employees.

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

5 MRSA §1092, sub-§14, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Notwithstanding this subsection, if, within 2 years of the effective date of this paragraph, the county commissioners of a county elect to adopt the provisions of this paragraph, then all funds held by the Maine State Retirement System to the credit of employees of any Superior Court within that county, who became employees of the State pursuant to Public Law 1975, chapters 383 and 408, shall be transferred on the records of the Maine State Retirement System to the state employee account. Creditable service rendered by these employees shall be the same as if the employment had been rendered as state employees. For the purposes of this paragraph, a vote of the county commissioners to adopt the provisions of this paragraph shall be by majority vote of the commissioners with the advice and consent of the county budget committee, if one exists, or with the advice and consent of the legislative delegation for that county, if a county budget committee does not exist.

Former employees of any Superior Court within a county which elects to adopt the provisions of this paragraph, who retired subsequent to July 1, 1976, shall be treated in the same manner as if all of their creditable service had been as state employees with respect to the Maine State Retirement System rights and benefits.

The same benefit rights and protection shall apply to beneficiaries under the survivor benefit program and beneficiaries of former employees as are outlined in this subsection.

If, after a review of the actuary of the Maine State Retirement System, it is determined that additional funds are required to finance in full the accrued retirement benefits for those employees, then the actuary shall estimate the amount of additional funds necessary to provide full retirement benefits for the period prior to July 1, 1976, and the appropriate counties which have elected to adopt the provisions of this paragraph shall provide funds necessary to fulfill this obligation from the retirement allowance funds of the respective counties.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 105

H.P. 100 - L.D. 125

AN ACT to Establish a Maine Rivers Grants Program.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §5015 is enacted to read:

§5015. Maine Rivers Protection Fund

There is established within the Department of Conservation a Maine Rivers Protection Fund, which