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CHAPTER 531

S.P. 420 - L.D. 1131

**An Act to Prohibit Injurious Hazing
of Public School Students**

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

20-A MRSA §6553 is enacted to read:

§6553. Prohibition of hazing

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Injurious hazing" means any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of a student enrolled in a public school.

B. "Violator" means any person or any organization which engages in injurious hazing.

2. Adoption of policy. The school board shall adopt a policy which establishes that "injurious hazing," either on or off school property, by any student, staff member, group or organization affiliated with the public school is prohibited.

3. Penalties. The school board shall establish penalties for violation of the rules established in subsection 2. The penalties shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for:

A. In the case of a person not associated with the public school, the ejection of the violator from school property;

B. In the case of a student, administrator or staff violator, the individual's suspension, expulsion or other appropriate disciplinary action; and

C. In the case of an organization affiliated with the public school which authorizes hazing, rescission of permission for that organization to operate on school property or receive any other benefit of affiliation with the public school.

These penalties shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal penalty to which the violator or organization may be subject.

4. Administrative responsibility. The school board shall assign responsibility for administering the policy to the superintendent of schools and establish procedures for appealing the action or lack of action of the superintendent.

5. Dissemination. The school board shall clearly set forth the policy and penalties adopted and shall distribute copies of them to all students enrolled in the public school.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 532

S.P. 462 - L.D. 1247

**An Act to Expand the
Maine Job Training Partnership Program**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2012, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 466, §3, is amended to read:

Each private industry council shall operate programs under this subchapter based on an annual plan. The annual plan shall reflect local needs, program strategies and activities, training and services, projected expenditures and anticipated outcomes based on the private industry councils' analyses of local needs within the job training program.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2013, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 466, §3, is amended to read:

9. Dependent care and transportation services. No person eligible for services under Titles II and III of the United States Job Training Partnership Act, Public Law 97-300, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act, Public Law 100-418, and displaced homemakers, as defined in section 1601, may be denied access to or participation in these programs as a result of dependent care needs, transportation needs or other supportive services necessary; and

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2013-A is enacted to read:

§2013-A. Appeal procedure

1. Notice provided. Each person who requests or receives job training services provided under section 2013 shall be given written notice describing the right and procedure of appeal provided by this section. This notice shall:

A. Be uniform throughout the State;

B. Be written in language that is clear and understandable and must have a readability score, as determined by a recognized instrument for measuring adult literacy reading levels, equivalent to no more than a 6th grade level; and

C. Include a statement that:

(1) Any decision regarding the type of training or the type, amount or duration of support services offered may be appealed;