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sign language to be offered at secondary school sites using the University of Maine System's interactive television system. The purpose of the pilot project is to assess the demand for secondary school courses in American sign language and the effectiveness of interactive television in meeting that demand. Representatives from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, the Department of Education and the University of Maine System shall provide a pilot project plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by January 15, 1992. The pilot project must begin in school year 1992-93 as long as the necessary resources, including interactive television time and sign language instructors, are available.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 280

H.P. 1036 - L.D. 1509

An Act to Include Land Surveyors in the Lien Laws

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

10 MRSA §3251, as amended by PL 1971, c. 421, is further amended to read:

§3251, Lien established

Whoever performs labor or furnishes labor or materials, including repair parts of machines used, or performs services either as a surveyor, an architect or an engineer or as an owner-renter, owner-lessor, or ownersupplier of equipment used in erecting, altering, moving or repairing a house, building or appurtenances, including any public building erected or owned by any city, town, county, school district or other municipal corporation, or in constructing, altering or repairing a wharf or pier, or any building thereon, including the surveying, clearing, grading, draining, excavating or landscaping of the ground adjacent to and upon which any such abovenamed objects are constructed, by virtue of a contract with or by consent of the owner, has a lien thereon and on the land on which it stands and on any interest such owner has in the same, to secure payment thereof, with costs. If the owner of the building has no legal interest in the land on which the building is erected or to which it is moved, the lien attaches to the building, and if the owner of the wharf or pier has no legal interest in the land on which the wharf or pier is erected, the lien attaches to the wharf or pier, and in either case may be enforced as provided. If the owner of such land, building, wharf or pier, so contracting, is a minor or married woman, such lien shall-exist exists and such minority or coverture shall does not bar a recovery in any proceeding brought to enforce it.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 281

S.P. 540 - L.D. 1438

An Act to Exempt from Right-to-know Laws Information Contained in the Personnel File of Department of Corrections Employees

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Department of Corrections employees are often threatened and harassed away from the job; and

Whereas, their nonbusiness addresses and phone numbers are not adequately protected from disclosure. Keeping such nonbusiness information confidential will not injure the public and will provide some protection for the employees constantly facing life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

34-A MRSA §1212 is enacted to read:

§1212. Confidential information

The following information pertaining to department employees and independent contractors is confidential and that part of any record of the department containing this information is not a public record, as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3:

- <u>1. Addresses and telephone numbers. Nonbusiness addresses and telephone numbers;</u>
- 2. Information regarding other persons. The existence, names, addresses and telephone numbers of family members, household members and persons to be notified in the event of an emergency; and
- 3. Work schedules. Information pertaining to work schedules.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective June 14, 1991.