

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

October 1, 1992 to October 6, 1992

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

October 16, 1992

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

December 2, 1992 to July 14, 1993

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS

OCTOBER 13, 1993

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Augusta, Maine
1993

RESOLVES
OF THE
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AS PASSED AT THE
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of the
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
1993

2. Hold informational sessions for discussions with knowledgeable persons;
3. Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a literature search;
4. Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of the public or affected persons and groups;
5. Procure and analyze relevant data;
6. Conduct legal research and prepare opinions on legal questions within the scope of the study; and
7. Determine and summarize the legislative actions or governmental programs undertaken in other jurisdictions related to issues within the scope of the study; and be it further

Sec. 5. Assistance. Resolved: That the commission may hire consultants and staff to assist it in performing its duties, provided funding is available. The chair of the study group shall manage the consultants' work. The consultants shall prepare any legislation recommended by the commission; and be it further

Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at commission meetings. Members of the commission who are not state employees are entitled to reimbursement for expenses as defined in Title 5, section 12002, upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. Members of the commission who are Legislators may receive expenses and per diem only from General Fund money appropriated for the study. Outside funding sources may not be used to reimburse Legislators; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature and to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources no later than January 15, 1994; and be it further

Sec. 8. Funding. Resolved: That, except for payment of expenses and per diem of Legislators, the commission must be funded by outside sources, to be approved by the Legislative Council. The study may not proceed and General Fund money may not be expended unless a plan for funding the commission is presented to and approved by the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall administer any funds acquired for the conduct of the study; and be it further

Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Commission to Study Nonregulatory and Market Solutions to Environmental Issues

Personal Services	\$990
All Other	900

Provides for the appropriation of funds to the Commission to Study Nonregulatory and Market Solutions to Environmental Issues for the per diem and expenses of legislative members. These funds may not be expended if the Legislative Council does not approve a plan for funding or if outside sources of funding are not received.

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TOTAL	\$1,890
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective July 13, 1993.

CHAPTER 43

S.P. 487 - L.D. 1498

Resolve, to Transfer the Responsibilities of the Bureau of Rehabilitation from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Education

Sec. 1. Bureau of Rehabilitation transferred; transition. Resolved: That, on the effective date of this resolve, the Department of Education assumes all responsibilities of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, which is within the Department of Human Services, except the responsibilities of the Division of Disability Determination Services. All duties and responsibilities of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except the duties and responsibilities of the Division of Disability Determination Services, become the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Education on the effective date of this resolve. All positions, employees and related functions of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except the positions, employees and functions in the Division of Disability Determination Services, must be transferred administratively to the Department of Education. All existing appropriations and allocations of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except those appropriations and allocations assigned to

the Division of Disability Determination Services, are transferred to the Department of Education.

The Commissioner of Education shall submit to the Legislature by January 30, 1994 proposed legislation detailing the statutory and budgetary changes necessary to fully implement the transfer of the Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Department of Education. The proposed legislation must include an independent rehabilitation plan for services for the blind and visually impaired within the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Laws affecting the Bureau of Rehabilitation remain in effect until new language is adopted following the January 30, 1994 submission by the Commissioner of Education and references in those laws to the Department of Human Services are deemed to refer to the Department of Education.

See title page for effective date.
