

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 7, 1998 to March 31, 1998**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 1, 1998 to April 9, 1998**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 30, 1998**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 9, 1998**

**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**  
**1997**

joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the matters encompassed by each policy area.

**6-A. Interagency coordination of strategic plans.** By September 1, 2001, each state agency shall identify programs within the agency that have the same or similar goals and objectives as one or more other state agencies; consult with those agencies; coordinate strategies for achieving those goals and objectives so the goals, objectives and strategies of the agencies are not in conflict; and submit revised strategic plans for review and comment to the Director of the State Planning Office, the State Budget Officer, the Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, the Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over that agency's matters.

**7. Development of joint budget proposals.** By September 1, 1998, state agencies within each policy area shall develop budget proposals that are tied to their joint measurable objectives in their strategic plan.

**8. Demonstration project; job training programs.** The Department of Labor, the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Maine Technical College System shall at a minimum select job training and develop joint goals and objectives and coordinate strategies as a demonstration project for the purposes of carrying out the requirements of subsections 4 to 7.

**9. Prototype performance budget.** By December 31, 1999, the Governor shall present a prototype budget bill and budget document to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature for its review in a performance budget format utilizing performance measures and indicators that reflect legislatively approved appropriations and allocations for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-01. The Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature shall, by resolve, make recommendations to the Governor for changes or modifications to the prototype budget bill and budget document for use in the 2002-2003 biennial budget submission.

**10. Development of state agency budget proposals consistent with strategic plans.** By September 1, 2000, in accordance with section 1665, each state agency and associations receiving or desiring to receive state funds under provisions of law shall prepare and submit to the Bureau of the Budget proposals for the 2002-2003 biennium in a strategic plan and performance budget format prescribed by the Bureau of the Budget. Goals, measurable objectives and strategies for each program must be identified in a budget document and a budget bill. In accordance

with section 1666, the Governor, with assistance from the Bureau of the Budget, shall review, revise, alter, and increase or decrease the budget proposals in a strategic plan and performance budgeting approach for submission to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature including a budget document and budget bills representing the Governor's budget recommendations and priorities in a strategic plan and performance budget format for the 2002-2003 biennium.

**11. Biennial strategic plan revisions and performance budgets.** Each state agency shall periodically review, and after consultation with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over that agency's matters, update and revise its strategic plan, including goals, measurable objectives and strategies for fulfilling its statutory responsibilities. Revised plans must be submitted no later than December 1, 2000 and no later than December 1st of each even-numbered year thereafter to the Director of the State Planning Office, the State Budget Officer, the Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, the Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over that agency's matters for their review and comment.

**12. Participation.** The legislative branch and the judicial branch may elect to participate or to not participate in any aspect of this chapter.

The goals, measurable objectives and strategies, as revised, that support each program for which an appropriation or allocation is provided or sought must be identified in each budget document and budget bill representing the Governor's budget recommendations and priorities for subsequent biennia.

**Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §1710-Q**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 705, §2, is amended to read:

**§1710-Q. Repeal**

This chapter is repealed July 1, 2003-2007.

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

Effective April 16, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 765**

**S.P. 739 - L.D. 2017**

**An Act to Provide Access to  
Veterinary Education for Maine  
Students**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12103, sub-§§1 to 3,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 830, §4 and c. 832, §10, are amended to read:

**1. Positions.** The Access to Medical Education Program is established under this section. Under this program, the chief executive officer shall secure up to ~~20~~ 21 positions annually for Maine students at schools of allopathic ~~or~~, osteopathic ~~or~~ veterinary medical education up to an aggregate of ~~80~~ 84 positions. Five positions are for students of osteopathic medicine ~~and~~, 15 positions are for students of allopathic medicine ~~and~~ one position is for students of veterinary medicine. If there is an insufficient number of qualified applicants for positions in either ~~discipline~~ allopathic or osteopathic medicine, the chief executive officer may increase or decrease the number of positions available in either discipline. The allopathic and osteopathic medicine positions are available only to eligible students commencing professional education on or after January 1, 1993. The veterinary medicine position is available to a student commencing medical education on or after January 1, 1999.

**2. Application process.** Students shall apply directly to an institution of allopathic ~~or~~, osteopathic ~~or~~ veterinary medical education with which the authority has a contract to secure positions.

**3. Requirements.** Each student obtaining a position in an institution of allopathic or osteopathic medical education shall enter into an agreement with the authority by which the student agrees during the student's medical education to complete clinical education in rural areas and health professional shortage areas of this State as provided in the contract between the institutions of medical education and the authority. Each student obtaining a position in an institution of veterinary medical education shall enter into an agreement with the authority by which the student agrees during the student's medical education to complete clinical education in an area determined to have insufficient veterinary services as provided in the contract between the institutions of veterinary medicine and the authority.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**Student Financial Assistance Programs**

All Other	\$12,500
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Provides funds to secure one position for a Maine student at a school of veterinary medicine.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 766**

**H.P. 1374 - L.D. 1923**

**An Act to Improve Employment Tax Increment Financing**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6753, sub-§10,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 669, §5, is amended to read:

**10. Labor market unemployment rate.** "Labor market unemployment rate" means the average seasonally adjusted unemployment rate as published by the Department of Labor for the labor market or markets in which potential qualified employees are located and in which reimbursement is claimed under this chapter for the ~~calendar year for which reimbursement is claimed~~ 3 most recently reported months preceding the date of application for employment tax increment financing and for the 3 most recently reported months preceding the beginning of the 6th year of an approved employment tax increment financing development program.

**Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §6753, sub-§12,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 669, §5, is amended to read:

**12. Qualified employees.** "Qualified employees" means new, full-time employees hired in this State by a qualified business and for whom a retirement program subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 United States Code, Sections 101 to 1461, as amended, and group health insurance are provided, and whose income derived from employment with the applicant, calculated on a calendar year basis is greater than the average annual per capita income in the labor market area in which the qualified employee is employed and whose state income withholding taxes are subject to reimbursement to the qualified business under this chapter. "Qualified employees" must be residents of this State.

**Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §6754, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 669, §5, are amended to read:

A. For qualified employees employed by a qualified business in state labor market areas in which the labor market unemployment rate is at or below the state unemployment rate ~~for the~~