

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**September 5, 1996 to September 7, 1996**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 4, 1996 to March 27, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**March 27, 1997 to June 20, 1997**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 26, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1997**

and most influential teachers. In conducting its study, the task force shall:

1. Design a comprehensive model of early childhood education and parent support that has at least the following components:

A. Provision of information on children, from birth to 5 years of age, to help parents understand how to encourage their child's development in the areas of social, emotional, cognitive and motor development and to help their children achieve good health and maintain safety;

B. Opportunities for families to meet and share experiences and common concerns and to participate in parent-child activities; and

C. A referral network that helps parents connect with special services;

2. Catalog and review existing programs to ensure there is a comprehensive and coordinated continuum of early childhood education and parent support services in the State; and

3. Investigate ways to establish a statewide resource center for the collection and dissemination of resource materials and an ongoing evaluation of early childhood education and parent support programs.

As part of its study, the task force shall review early childhood education and parent support programs in other states and shall investigate all possible funding sources to implement its recommendations, including funding from private foundations, fee-for-service, federal grant programs and any other federal, state or local funding that may be available; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Staff. Resolved:** That the task force shall request staffing assistance from the Department of Human Services; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members of the task force are entitled to legislative per diem and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Meetings. Resolved:** That the task force may meet up to 4 times; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, with a copy to the Governor, a report of its findings, including any necessary implementing legislation no later than December 1, 1997. If the task force requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Budget authorization. Resolved:**

That the Commissioner of Human Services shall utilize the department's existing budgeted resources to review and report on the matters pursuant to section 5 of this resolve. The commissioner may accept and administer any outside funds contributed to support the work of the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 11. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98

**LEGISLATURE**

**Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers**

Personal Services	\$440
All Other	400

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers.

<b>TOTAL</b>	_____
<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	\$840

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 69**

**H.P. 201 - L.D. 254**

**Resolve, Compensating Robert O'Malley for Claims against the State**

**Sec. 1. Compensation authorized. Resolved:** That the Governor is authorized and directed, upon receipt of the necessary releases, to pay \$150,000 from the General Fund to compensate Robert O'Malley and members of his family in full settlement and satisfaction of any and all claims by him and members of his family against the State, the Department of the Attorney General and present or former employees of that department or of the State for damages resulting from the investigation and prosecution of gross sexual assault or unlawful sexual contact charges against Mr. O'Malley resulting from allegations by Jeanine Margryta; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Miscellaneous Acts and resolves**

All Other \$150,000

Provides funds for the settlement of all claims resulting from the investigation of gross sexual assault or unlawful sexual contact charges against Mr. Robert O'Malley.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 70**

**H.P. 1018 - L.D. 1410**

**Resolve, to Establish Additional Funding for the University of Maine System**

**Sec. 1. Board of Trustees and chancellor; review and report. Resolved:** That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System and the chancellor shall review the current method of distributing state resources in light of distinctive missions, enrollment shifts, program priorities, changing program costs, demographic patterns and emerging needs of the State. As part of this review, the trustees and chancellor shall ensure that the needs of the State's nontraditional students are met in a more equitable manner. The trustees and chancellor shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 15, 1998 with a funding formula proposal that will be implemented during fiscal year 1999-2000; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Educational and General Activities-UMS**

All Other \$250,000

Provides funds to provide additional support for students at the University of Maine System.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 71**

**H.P. 122 - L.D. 146**

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings**

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of the following 10 members:

1. One pharmacist representing long-term care pharmacy providers;
2. One long-term care pharmacist;
3. One pharmacist representing a retail pharmacy;
4. One pharmacist, or a designee, from within the Department of Human Services with expertise in Medicaid reimbursement;
5. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and one other Legislator;
6. One member representing persons receiving long-term care;
7. One physician with experience in long-term care; and
8. One registered nurse with experience in long-term care.