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tive unit over a period of not less than one year. The commissioner shall pilot this process during the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 school years and shall develop rules for school administrative unit assistance and accountability to safeguard the learning of the students in the school administrative unit.

§6211. Rulemaking

The commissioner shall develop rules to accomplish the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 34. 20-A MRSA §8101, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

§8101. Purpose

The Legislature recognizes that gifted and talented students, who comprise approximately 3% to 5% of Maine's students, require differentiated education programs ~~and services~~ that are aligned with the system of learning results as established in section 6209, beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their educational potential and contribution to themselves and to society.

Sec. 35. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 706, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

1. Curriculum. The school's curriculum is designed to exceed existing state educational standards in the content areas of the system of learning results established in section 6209.

Sec. 36. 20-A MRSA §8306-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 518, §6, is amended to read:

The commissioner may adopt rules to establish requirements for vocational education programs and courses in alignment with the system of learning results established in section 6209, to establish procedures for approving vocational education programs and courses and to otherwise carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 37. Legislative intent; application of system of learning results to certain private schools. It is the intent of the Legislature that the system of learning results reflect high expectations for all students and create conditions where these expectations can be met. To achieve this intent, while the Legislature recognizes the distinct character of Maine's private schools that enroll 60% or more publicly funded students, as determined by the previous school year's October and April average enrollment, such schools are required to participate in the system of learning results to the extent specifically

provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6202; section 6202-A, subsection 4; and section 6209.

Sec. 38. Contributions from General Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide adequate funding from the State in order to finance the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 222 in implementing this Act. The state funding requirements to implement this Act must be addressed by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature as the Legislature considers the transition of the school funding formula to a formula based on the essential programs and services model.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 455

S.P. 82 - L.D. 302

An Act to Designate the Ryefield Bridge an Historic Bridge

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §603, first ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c. 107, is further amended to read:

The State shall be responsible for the management of and all costs for maintenance and rehabilitation for the following historic bridges: Lovejoy Bridge, Andover; Robyville Bridge, Corinth; Hemlock Bridge, Fryeburg; Bennett Bridge, Lincoln Plantation; Watson's Bridge, Littleton; Artist's Bridge, Newry; Lowe's Bridge, Sangerville-Guilford; Babb's Bridge, Windham-Gorham; Wire Bridge, New Portland; Porter Bridge, Porter-Parsonsfield; Bailey Island Bridge, Harpswell; Sewall's Bridge, York; ~~and~~ Waldo-Hancock Bridge, Prospect-Verona; and Ryefield Bridge, Harrison-Otisfield.

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CHAPTER 456

H.P. 980 - L.D. 1304

An Act to Create the Maine Health Data Processing Center

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