

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Ombudsman. In exercising the administration of the office, the ombudsman shall formulate policies, establish organizational and operational procedures and exercise general supervision. The ombudsman shall employ, with the approval of the Governor and subject to the Civil Service Law, those assistants as are necessary to carry out this chapter. The ombudsman shall adopt a seal for use in the official business of the office. The ombudsman has custody and control of the facilities provided for the administration of this chapter.

2. Advice. The ombudsman shall advise the Governor, the Legislature and the directors of other appropriate state departments or agencies on appropriate steps needed to coordinate state policy and state actions on commerce and other relations with individuals, businesses and governmental entities in Canada.

3. Representation. The ombudsman shall represent the State at the national level for trade matters between the United States and Canada that involve the State.

4. Investigation; resolution of complaints; negotiation. The ombudsman shall answer inquiries from citizens and businesses in this State and investigate, advise and work toward resolution of complaints that arise concerning trade issues. The ombudsman may negotiate on behalf of businesses in this State, with their consent, with individuals, businesses and governmental entities of Canada to secure fair trade treatment of products and services of this State.

5. Biennial report. The ombudsman shall report biennially to the Governor and Legislature facts and recommendations related to the work and needs of the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman.

6. Rules. The ombudsman may adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Administration - Executive Governor's Office

Initiative: Provides for the creation of the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$28,687
All Other	0	6,500
General Fund Total	\$0	\$35,187

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.

Effective January 1, 2003.

CHAPTER 644

H.P. 1474 - L.D. 1975

An Act Concerning Student Threats

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 351, §2, is amended to read:

F. Establish policies and procedures concerning the removal of disruptive or violent students or students threatening death or bodily harm to others from a classroom or a school bus, as well as student disciplinary and placement decisions, when appropriate; and

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 645

H.P. 1523 - L.D. 2027

An Act Regarding Child Care Facility Laws

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2871, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 494, §1 and affected by §15, is further amended to read:

1. Day care center. "Day care center" means a ~~day child care center~~ facility, as defined in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection ~~1-A~~, paragraph ~~A~~ B.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7701, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 494, §5 and affected by §15, is further amended to read:

2. Facility. As used in this subtitle, the word "facility" means any of the places defined in section