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CHAPTER 654

H.P. 1180 - L.D. 1603

**An Act to Expand Family Life
Education Services in Maine Schools****Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1902, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:**1-A. Comprehensive family life education.**

"Comprehensive family life education" means education in kindergarten to grade 12 regarding human development and sexuality, including education on family planning and sexually transmitted diseases, that is medically accurate and age appropriate; that respects community values and encourages parental communication; that develops skills in communication, decision making and conflict resolution; that contributes to healthy relationships; that promotes responsible sexual behavior with an emphasis on abstinence; that addresses the use of contraception; that promotes individual responsibility and involvement regarding sexuality; and that teaches skills for responsible decision making regarding sexuality.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §§1910 and 1911 are enacted to read:**§1910. Comprehensive family life education services**

The commissioner shall undertake initiatives to implement effective, comprehensive family life education services. In providing such services, the commissioner shall contract with local family planning programs to provide:

1. Training. Training for teachers, parents and community members in the development and implementation of comprehensive family life education curriculum and in planning for an evaluation component as part of comprehensive school health education;

2. Staff. Resource staff persons to provide expert training, curriculum development and implementation and evaluation services on a statewide basis;

3. Forums. Funding to promote and coordinate community and youth forums in communities identified as having high needs for comprehensive family life education;

4. Issue management; policy development training. Funding for issue management and policy development training for school boards, superintendents, principals and administrators across the State; and

5. Recognition of performance. Funding for grants to school-based comprehensive family life education programs to recognize outstanding performance and share strategies for success.

§1911. Parental option

To the extent that comprehensive family life education takes place in a school, a parent may choose to not have that parent's child participate in a comprehensive family life education program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 655

S.P. 721 - L.D. 1923

**An Act to Amend Maine's Wild
Turkey Hunting Season**

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

Whereas, the lottery for hunting wild turkeys contained in this legislation must take effect prior to the start of this year's wild turkey season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7468, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 95, §1, is repealed.**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7468, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

1-A. Authority of commissioner. The commissioner may establish open seasons for hunting wild turkeys, designate areas that are open to the taking of wild turkeys in any part of the State, prescribe the form and regulate the number of permits to be issued, determine the number and sex of birds to be harvested, establish bag limits, establish permit eligibility requirements, specify the types of weapons to be used during any open wild turkey hunting season and make any other rules that the commissioner considers necessary for the protection of the wild turkey resource.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7468, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 95, §1, is repealed.