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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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bureau constitutes a separate violation subject to fine.

C. The Attorney General may bring an action to seek fines under this subsection, to enjoin violations of this subchapter and for any other available remedy.

Sec. 2. Report on safety efforts. By January 15, 2005 and by January 15th of each year thereafter, representatives of a trade association designated by forest landowners and forest management companies engaged in the practice of reforestation work shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters on a safety program designed to provide training, including driver training, first aid training and other appropriate safety training, and to improve safety standards, safety equipment and vehicles in reforestation activities. The report must include, but not be limited to, the number of contractors participating in the safety program in relation to the number operating in the State and a thorough summary of the substance of the training.

Sec. 3. Working group. The Commissioner of Labor shall convene a working group of interested persons, including, but not limited to, forestry industry representatives, representatives of forestry workers and representatives of the workers' compensation insurance industry to determine what data are available that reflect the safety conditions of forestry workers and related matters and what additional data should reasonably be collected to assess and improve safety conditions. By February 15, 2005, the commissioner shall report on the results of the working group's work and shall recommend to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters a system of regularly collecting and reporting such information to policy makers to help inform their efforts to improve safety in the forestry industry.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 617

H.P. 1446 - L.D. 1946

An Act To Promote the Coordination of School Calendars for Career and Technical Education Students

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, 2/3 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 §4801, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Regional school calendars; plan; rules.
Each school administrative unit shall work with affiliated units, as defined in section 8301-A, subsection 1, in its career and technical center or school administrative units in its career and technical region to develop and approve a regional school calendar that aligns the school calendars of sending schools with the school calendars of career and technical education programs in the region. The plan for a regional school calendar must meet the following requirements.

A. There may not be more than 9 dissimilar instructional days within each regional calendar.

B. When career and technical centers or regions overlap, there must be common calendars for each of the schools in those overlapping areas.

C. The authority for approving the regional school calendar must be within the school boards of the local school administrative units.

D. Regional school calendars may have provisions for waivers of the number of dissimilar days for extenuating circumstances.

E. Plans for regional school calendars must be approved and implemented in time for the 2005-2006 school year.

The commissioner shall adopt rules to establish requirements for regional school calendars. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 618

H.P. 678 - L.D. 921

An Act To Enact the Uniform Trust Code

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 18-B MRSA is enacted to read: