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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §855, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 245, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§855. Patronizing prostitution of minor

1. A person is guilty of patronizing prostitution of a minor if:

A. The person, in return for another's prostitution, gives or agrees to give a pecuniary benefit either to the person whose prostitution is sought or to a 3rd person and the person whose prostitution is sought has not in fact attained 18 years of age. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

B. The person violates paragraph A and that person knows that the person whose prostitution is sought has not yet attained 18 years of age. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

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CHAPTER 445

H.P. 711 - L.D. 1026

An Act To Provide Uniform Voter Verification and Recount Requirements for Voting Machines

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §812, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 651, §7, is amended to read:

10. Paper audit trail. ~~Unless excluded pursuant to~~ Except for accessible voting equipment that must be provided by 2006 in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 as provided in section 812-A, subsection 1, it must produce or employ permanent paper records of the votes cast that are able to be verified by individual voters before their votes are cast and that provide a manual audit capacity for the machine. In the case of direct recording electronic voting machines, those records must also identify the individual machines that produced them without revealing the identities of the voters who cast the ballots. In all cases, these records must be reviewed in the event of a recount and considered in conjunction with the machine-produced tally.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §812-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 651, §8, is amended to read:

1. Accessible voting equipment at each polling place. The Secretary of State, in compliance with the voting accessibility requirements of the federal Help

America Vote Act of 2002, shall provide one direct recording electronic voting machine, or other voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities, for use at each polling place used in the conduct of state elections. Such machines must produce permanent paper records that provide a manual audit capacity for the machines and must also provide voters with audio functions that enable the voters to verify their ballots aurally before the votes are cast, and all such machines ~~are exempt from~~ must meet the requirements of section 812, subsection 10 ~~unless the Secretary of State is unable to procure machines that the Secretary of State determines are adequate to meet the requirements of this section and section 812 in time to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002.~~

Additional accessible voting machines may be used in the conduct of state elections, but those machines must meet the requirements set forth in section 812.

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CHAPTER 446

H.P. 988 - L.D. 1424

An Act To Simplify Implementation of the Maine Learning Results

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4504, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 454, §17, is amended to read:

2. Comprehensive review. The commissioner shall conduct a comprehensive review of a school administrative unit in accordance with the school assistance process established in section 6210, based on a review of the school administrative unit's comprehensive education plan and the local assessment system, or as part of an inspection in accordance with section 258-A.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2001, c. 454, §24 and PL 2003, c. 545, §6, is further amended to read:

3. Satisfactory completion. A diploma may be awarded ~~only~~ to secondary school students who have satisfactorily completed all diploma requirements in accordance with the academic standards of the school administrative unit, ~~and effective with the class of 2007, with the requirements specified in section 6202-A, subsection 3 and this chapter. All secondary school students must work toward achievement of the content standards of the system of learning results. Exceptional students, as defined in section 7001, subsection 2, who successfully meet the content~~