# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

# STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

### ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION December 1, 2004 to March 30, 2005

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION April 4, 2005 to June 18, 2005

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR FIRST REGULAR SESSION NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS JUNE 29, 2005

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR FIRST SPECIAL SESSION NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2005

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

> Penmor Lithographers Lewiston, Maine 2005

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 21, 2005.

### **CHAPTER 119**

H.P. 35 - L.D. 32

### Resolve, To Reestablish the Health Care System and Health Security Board

Sec. 1. Board reestablished; duties. Resolved: That the Health Care System and Health Security Board, established by Public Law 2001, chapter 439, Part ZZZ, and amended by Public Law 2003, chapter 492, and referred to in this resolve as "the board," is reestablished and those members serving on the board on November 1, 2004 continue to serve as members, except that new legislative members must be appointed in accordance with Public Law 2001, chapter 439, Part ZZZ, section 1. The board is reestablished for the sole purpose of finalizing its recommendations regarding the feasibility of a single-payor health plan to provide health care coverage to all citizens of this State and may not conduct any other activities; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; extension prohibited. Resolved: That, no later than December 7, 2005, the board shall submit a report, including any suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and the Legislative Council. Following receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature. The board is not authorized to introduce legislation. The board may not apply to the Legislative Council for an extension and may not take any further action after December 7, 2005, unless further action is authorized by law; and be it further

# Sec. 3. Funding; limitation. Resolved: That any unexpended funds allocated to the board as of November 1, 2004 must be carried forward for use by the board and may not lapse. Except for these unexpended funds, no additional funds may be appropriated or allocated from any source to support the board. The board may not seek any outside funding. The board may not incur expenses that exceed available funds; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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### Miscellaneous Studies 0444

FUNDS TOTAL

Initiative: Allocates funds to support the meeting costs of the Health Care System and Health Security Board.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE		
FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
Personal Services	\$1,100	\$0
All Other	\$4,305	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE		

See title page for effective date.

\$5,405

\$0

### **CHAPTER 120**

H.P. 709 - L.D. 1024

### Resolve, To Review and Recodify Laws Pertaining to Violence in Our Schools

Sec. 1. Review and recodification. Resolved: That the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall review the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A and identify provisions pertaining to safety in schools and provisions that establish policies, procedures and penalties to address violence in schools.

The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall jointly prepare a bill for submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs during the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature that recodifies selected sections of Title 20-A, in accordance with the following.

- 1. Scope of recodification. In preparing the bill, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall reorganize the laws contained in Title 20-A to consolidate or accurately cross-reference sections pertaining to violence and threatening behavior in schools. In preparing the bill, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall eliminate confusing language and make technical changes necessary to improve the accessibility of all provisions pertaining to violence and threatening behavior in schools. The recodification is not intended to contain substantive changes to Title 20-A.
- **2. Participation of department.** The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall invite the participation of the Department of Education in preparing the proposed recodification.
- **3. Report.** The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes shall submit the proposed bill to the Joint Standing