

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

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

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2007**

3. Opportunities for coordination to maximize the effects of available resources;

4. The need for state or private programs to supplement state programs or to enable existing programs to serve a greater portion of those eligible;

5. Techniques to use resources in new ways or new combinations that have the potential for easing the burden on current providers and enhancing the training of current and new providers to enable equal access to highly qualified providers to all children statewide;

6. The effects of limited resources for diagnostic testing and poor reimbursement rates; and

7. Programs and techniques that are employed in other states or countries; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members of the working group are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the working group. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the working group; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 7, 2007, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. The working group is not authorized to introduce legislation; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Outside funding. Resolved:** That the working group shall seek outside funding to fully fund all costs of the working group. If sufficient outside funding has not been received by the working group by October 1, 2007 to fully fund all costs of the working group, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

Initiative: Allocates funds for the per diem and expenses of the Working Group To Study the Effective-

ness and Timeliness of Early Identification and Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss in Maine.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	\$1,980	\$0
All Other	\$7,510	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL	\$9,490	\$0
REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

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

Effective June 27, 2007.

**CHAPTER 134**

**H.P. 727 - L.D. 967**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 007: Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Model, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education**

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 007: Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Model, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the provisionally adopted rule is amended in section 2, subsection 2.01, paragraph B, subparagraph (2), division (b) to require that the step-by-step action plan be developed in documented consultation with the local teacher associations and to require the Commissioner of Education to develop the documentation process that must be used in developing the action plan.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 135**

**H.P. 1349 - L.D. 1916**

**Resolve, Establishing an Apportionment Commission To Increase the Number of Androscoggin County Commissioners**