

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 1, 2010 to June 29, 2011

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

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

Augusta, Maine
2011

that section of this Act that enacts Title 20-A, section 11484, subsection 1, paragraph E take effect at the expiration of the terms of the member representing public institutions of higher education and the member representing private institutions of higher education or when the positions are vacant.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 151

S.P. 469 - L.D. 1493

An Act Regarding the Powers of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §85-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1999, c. 452, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Solicitation and acceptance of gifts, grants, donations, bequests, endowments and membership fees. To solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations, bequests, endowments and membership fees for purposes consistent with the purposes of this chapter. Any funds, if given as an endowment or trust, must be invested by the Treasurer of State according to the laws governing the investment of trust funds. All gifts, grants, donations, bequests and proceeds of endowment funds must be used solely to carry out the purposes for which they were made;

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §86, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 763, Pt. A, §77, is further amended to read:

1. Acquisition. The Maine State Museum is authorized to solicit and accept donations of property for the sole use of the museum provided as long as the donations are of a nature to carry out and promote the purposes of this chapter. The Maine State Museum may purchase works of art, artifacts and specimens for the enrichment of the collections from funds provided in the budget, secured from private donations or bequests or generated from the disposition of deaccessioned items.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 152

S.P. 470 - L.D. 1494

An Act To Support Maine State Museum Accreditation

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §81, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 502, §1, is amended to read:

§81. Declaration of policy

The Legislature declares it is the policy of the State that in order to further the cultural and educational interests of the people of the State, to present through the use of its collections and activities the proud heritage and unique historical background, and to preserve and exhibit the environmental and cultural richness of the State, there is established the Maine State Museum.

The Legislature further declares its expectation that the Maine State Museum will follow professional museum, scientific and artifact conservation standards to assemble and protect its tangible collections and intellectual assets held in public trust.

A general diffusion of the advantages of education being essential to promoting the common welfare, the Legislature recognizes these tangible collections and intellectual assets as educational resources essential to the Maine State Museum's mission and public trust responsibilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 153

S.P. 419 - L.D. 1356

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the School Revolving Renovation Fund

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. OOOO, §2, is further amended to read:

A. To make loans to school administrative units for school repair and renovation.

(1) The following repair and renovation needs receive ~~first priority~~ Priority 1 status:

- (a) Repair or replacement of a roof on a school building;
- (b) Bringing a school building into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 United States Code, Section 12101 et seq.;
- (c) Improving air quality in a school building;

(d) Removing ~~asbestos from~~ or abating ~~asbestos hazardous materials~~ in a school building; and

(f) Undertaking other health, safety and compliance repairs.

(2) Repairs and improvements ~~not related to health, safety and compliance repairs receive 2nd priority status. Those repairs and improvements are limited to~~ a school building structure, windows and doors and ~~to a school building~~ water or septic system systems receive Priority 2 status.

(3) ~~Upgrade of learning spaces in school buildings and small scale capital improvements receive 3rd priority status. Repairs and improvements related to energy and water conservation receive Priority 3 status.~~

(4) ~~The Commissioner of Education may approve other necessary repairs. Upgrades of learning spaces in school buildings receive Priority 4 status.~~

(5) ~~After the total amount appropriated, allocated and repaid to the fund exceeds \$75,000,000, loans may be provided for 2nd priority status, 3rd priority status or other necessary repairs, improvements and upgrades, with approval of the The Commissioner of Education, based on rules adopted under this section, as long as the Commissioner of Education determines that substantial progress has been made in addressing may approve other necessary repairs and renovations with first priority status;~~

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 81, §16, is further amended to read:

B. To make loans to a school administrative unit to finance expenditures incurred after June 1, 1998 for repairs or renovations authorized under paragraph A ~~and certified under subsection 5;~~

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 787, §13, is amended to read:

C. To guarantee or insure, directly or indirectly, the payment of notes or bonds issued or to be issued by a school administrative unit for the purpose of financing any repair authorized under paragraph A ~~and certified under subsection 5;~~

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 787, §13, is amended to read:

E. To deposit with a lending institution or with a trustee bank, available fund balances to offset loan balances for school administrative districts

undertaking projects authorized by paragraph A ~~and certified under subsection 5;~~

Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶G, as amended by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. A, §53, is further amended to read:

G. To invest as a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal and interest on general or special obligations of the bank if the proceeds of the sale of the obligations have been deposited in the fund, or if the proceeds of the sale of the obligations are used for the purposes authorized in paragraph A ~~and certified under subsection 5,~~ or as a source of revenue to subsidize the school administrative unit loan payment obligations;

Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 272, §2, is amended to read:

J. To reimburse school administrative units for costs incurred for ~~first priority~~ Priority 1 status health and safety projects described in paragraph A, subparagraph (1) and approved by the Commissioner of Education. The amount of the reimbursement must be determined in accordance with the school administrative unit's state share percentage as provided in subsection 6, ~~paragraph A.~~

Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §65 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:

6. Forgiveness of principal payments. The fund must provide direct grants by forgiving the principal payments of a loan for an eligible school administrative unit. The amount of the forgiveness of principal payments must be determined by the school administrative unit's state share percentage as determined in Title 20-A, section 15672, subsection 31, not to exceed: 70% and not less than 30%.

~~A. Seventy percent and no less than 30% for health, safety and compliance;~~

~~B. Seventy percent and no less than 30% for repairs and improvements; and~~

~~C. Seventy percent and no less than 30% for learning space upgrades.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 154

H.P. 161 - L.D. 184

**An Act To Promote the
Financial Literacy of High
School Students**