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Sec. 3. Reports. The Department of Education shall review how teacher evaluation systems are used by various school administrative units, both in this State and in other states, to aid hiring, retention and dismissal decisions, as well as how such systems are used to aid professional development and support teachers. The Department of Education shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 30, 2011.

Sec. 4. Application. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13201 applies to newly hired teachers beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

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CHAPTER 173

H.P. 196 - L.D. 243

An Act To Ensure Emergency Communications for Persons with Disabilities

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1419, sub-§1, ¶B-2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 553, Pt. A, §1, is further amended to read:

B-2. "Specialized customer communications equipment" means communications equipment used by persons with disabilities to conduct telephone communications or equipment that provides or assists in providing emergency alert notification to deaf persons or hard-of-hearing persons. "Specialized customer communications equipment" includes but is not limited to teleprinters, artificial larynges, signaling devices, amplified handsets, telecoil technology, large number dial overlays, direct telephone dialing, fax machines, equipment necessary to use short message services or text message services and other equipment used by persons with disabilities to provide access to telephone networks and equipment that provides or facilitates emergency alert notification to deaf persons or hard-of-hearing persons.

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CHAPTER 174

S.P. 149 - L.D. 516

An Act To Amend Maine Law Regarding Employment Practices for Certain Minors

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2003, c. 53, §1, is further amended to read:

B. More than ~~20~~ 24 hours in any week when the minor's school is in session, ~~except that the minor may work up to 8 hours on each day that an authorized school closure occurs in that minor's school up to a total of 28 hours in that week.~~ In addition, the maximum weekly hours a minor may work is 50 hours during any week that the approved school calendar for the minor's school is less than 3 days or during the first or last week of the school calendar, regardless of how many days the minor's school is in session for the week. If requested, a school must provide verification of its closings to the minor's employer or the Department of Labor;

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2003, c. 53, §1, is further amended to read:

D. More than 4 ~~6~~ hours in any day when the minor's school is in session, except that the minor may work up to 8 hours on the last scheduled day of the school week;

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 2003, c. 53, §1, is further amended to read:

F. After ~~40~~ 10:15 p.m. on a day preceding a day on which the minor's school is in session or after 12 midnight on a day that does not precede such a school day; or

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CHAPTER 175

S.P. 312 - L.D. 992

An Act To Amend the Depuration Laws

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6856, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 15, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Depuration certificate. A person may not take shellfish from closed areas for depuration, processing and transportation without a depuration certificate. The commissioner may issue a depuration certificate to a wholesale seafood license holder that authorizes the holder to take shellfish from closed areas for depuration, processing and transportation. The certificate must establish limits on harvesting, depurat-