

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**LAWS IS**  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**AUGUST 30, 2012**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2012**

**Sec. 3. Parental involvement initiative.** In collaboration with organizations representing school boards, school administrators, teachers, parents, students and other community members, the Commissioner of Education shall review parental involvement initiatives developed in this State and other jurisdictions that promote improvement in student learning and academic achievement. The commissioner shall select exemplary parental involvement initiatives and shall post prominently, or include links to, the selected initiatives on the Department of Education's publicly accessible website. The commissioner shall disseminate information in writing to school administrative units on the selected initiatives no later than December 31, 2012 and shall strongly encourage each school board to adopt local procedures for implementing a districtwide parental involvement initiative as school board policy. The exemplary parental involvement initiatives selected by the commissioner must include:

1. Provisions that promote parental involvement in ways that result in improvement in student learning and academic achievement and that provide opportunities for continuous engagement and ongoing partnerships between school boards, administrators, teachers, parents, students and other community members;

2. Procedures that may be used by those school administrative units that choose to develop local districtwide parental involvement initiatives for adoption as school board policy; and

3. Procedures for school administrative units to designate a contact person or persons who provide guidance and relevant information to parents regarding their child's education, opportunities to participate in particular school-based programs or specific information pertaining to particular school policies or programs. The procedures may include protocols for providing parents with contact information for the designated contact person or persons, including posting the contact information on the school administrative unit's publicly accessible website.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 572**

**H.P. 1337 - L.D. 1813**

**An Act To Amend the Laws  
Governing Confidentiality of  
Health Care Information**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** prescribers and dispensers of scheduled drugs may be prohibited by health information

privacy laws from informing law enforcement personnel about suspected drug diversion, which puts emergency health care workers at risk of violence; and

**Whereas,** emergency health care workers will remain at greater risk of violence unless the law governing disclosure of certain information to law enforcement personnel is clarified; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§6, ¶E,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 512, Pt. A, §5 and affected by §7 and c. 790, Pt. A, §§58 and 60, is further amended to read:

E. To federal, state or local governmental entities in order to protect the public health and welfare when reporting is required or authorized by law ~~or~~ to report a suspected crime against the health care practitioner or facility or to report information that the health care facility's officials or health care practitioner in good faith believes constitutes evidence of criminal conduct that occurred on the premises of the health care facility or health care practitioner;

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

Effective March 30, 2012.

**CHAPTER 573**

**S.P. 639 - L.D. 1844**

**An Act To Amend the Laws  
Governing the Governor's  
Training Initiative Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13070-J, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. HHHH, §1, is further amended to read:

D. "Economic development incentive" means federal and state statutorily defined programs that receive state funds, dedicated revenue funds and tax expenditures as defined by section 1666 whose purposes are to create, attract or retain business entities related to business development in the State, including but not limited to: