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4. By clarifying that when the department is determining the 5% or 10% enrollment limits, it excludes from the base enrollment previously enrolled students in the public charter school;

5. By conforming transportation funding and gifted and talented funding descriptions to reflect changes in the law; and

6. By adding a plan for the provision of special education services to the charter school application process.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 137

H.P. 1313 - L.D. 1788

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 64: Maine School Facilities Program and School Revolving Renovation Fund, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 64: Maine School Facilities Program and School Revolving Renovation Fund, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank 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 following changes are made:

1. The rule must be amended in Section 4, paragraph C by striking the new sentence that provides the Commissioner of Education with the authority to determine which renovation project categories would be funded; and

2. The rule must be amended in Section 4, paragraph C by adding new language that provides that approved projects must be funded based on the availability of funds and in priority order from priority one to priority 5. The Commissioner of Education may approve funding for renovation projects as an exception to the priority one to priority 5 funding rule if category-specific funds become available from sources other than principal and interest received from the repayment of loans made from the fund, interest earned from the investment of fund balances and funds from school construction audit recoveries.

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

Effective March 29, 2012.

CHAPTER 138

H.P. 1314 - L.D. 1789

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 316: Long-Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 316: Long-Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission 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 commission:

1. Incorporates the changes made by Public Law 2011, chapter 413, sections 2 and 3 to the section of the rule related to energy efficiency long-term contracts.

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

Effective March 29, 2012.

CHAPTER 139

H.P. 1320 - L.D. 1794

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 378: Variance Criteria for the Excavation of Rock, Borrow, Topsoil, Clay or Silt and Performance Standards for the Storage of Petroleum Products, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 378: Variance Criteria for the Excavation of Rock, Borrow, Topsoil, Clay or Silt and Performance Standards for the Storage of Petroleum Products, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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

Effective March 29, 2012.

CHAPTER 140

H.P. 1323 - L.D. 1797

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 305: Permit by Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.