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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §410, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 532, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 27 MRSA §411, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 762, §1, is amended to read:

§411. Arts Education Program

The Maine Arts Commission shall establish the Arts ~~in~~ Education Program, referred to in this subchapter as the "program," ~~to provide support for planning and implementing artist residencies and related school and community arts programs to increase arts education opportunities in the State. The program is designed on a 3 year rotating basis. The program allows a public school system to participate by developing a comprehensive arts education plan, activities to implement the plan and an evaluation of the plan. "the program."~~

Sec. 5. 27 MRSA §412, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 762, §1, is amended to read:

§412. Duties of the Maine Arts Commission

~~To accomplish the goals of the program, the~~ The Maine Arts Commission shall provide leadership in developing and sustaining an agenda for arts education throughout the State in partnership with federal, state and local entities. The commission shall lead efforts to make the arts a part of the core education for all students from kindergarten to grade 12 and to increase arts opportunities outside the school setting. The commission shall:

- ~~1. Funding.~~ Provide funding to 1/3 of the schools in the State each year on a 3 year rotating basis;
- ~~2. Professional artists.~~ Use professional artists in developing a process for achieving learning results;
- ~~3. School systems.~~ Invite school systems, through their superintendents, to participate in the program;
- 4. Goals.** Work with school systems to identify common education goals;
- ~~5. Training; information; seed money.~~ Provide training, information and seed money to each local arts education committee composed of school personnel and residents of the school district to develop a 3 year plan to increase arts education opportunities; and
- ~~6. Curriculum; projects.~~ Promote artist residencies, professional development for teachers, curriculum development and advocacy and information projects.
- 7. Research.** Conduct research on arts education for elementary and secondary schools; and

8. Programs. Operate arts education and outreach programs to combine the presentation of art with arts education.

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CHAPTER 182

H.P. 491 - L.D. 719

An Act To Ensure Access to Information in the Property Tax Abatement Process

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §842, as amended by PL 2001, c. 396, §16, is further amended to read:

§842. Notice of decision

The assessors or municipal officers shall give to any person applying to them for an abatement of taxes notice in writing of their decision upon the application within 10 days after they take final action thereon. The notice of decision must include the reason or reasons supporting the decision to approve or deny the abatement request and state that the applicant has 60 days from the date the notice is received to appeal the decision. It must also identify the board or agency designated by law to hear the appeal. If the assessors or municipal officers, before whom an application in writing for the abatement of a tax is pending, fail to give written notice of their decision within 60 days from the date of filing of the application, the application is deemed to have been denied, and the applicant may appeal as provided in sections 843 and 844, unless the applicant has in writing consented to further delay. Denial in this manner is final action for the purposes of notification under this section but failure to send notice of decision does not affect the applicant's right of appeal. This section does not apply to applications for abatement made under section 841, subsection 2.

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