

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**  
**2015**

specified in sections 4701, 4704, 4706, 4722, 4722-A, 4723 and 4724.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §6202, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 313, §20, is further amended to read:

The commissioner shall establish a statewide assessment program to measure and evaluate on a continuing basis the academic achievements of students in grades 3 to 12 on the accountability standards set forth in section 6209 and in department rules implementing that section and other curricular requirements. The commissioner may elect to provide for the use of alternative measures of student achievement in grades 9 to 12. This assessment applies to students in the public elementary and secondary schools, in public charter schools, as that term is defined in section 2401, subsection 9, and in all private schools approved for tuition whose school enrollments include at least 60% publicly funded students, as determined by the previous school year's October and April average enrollment. The assessment program must be adapted to meet the needs of children with disabilities as defined in section 7001, subsection 1-A or other students as defined under rules by the commissioner.

**Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §6209, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 647, §1, is further amended to read:

The department in consultation with the state board shall establish and implement a comprehensive, statewide system of learning results, which may include a core of standards in English language arts and mathematics for kindergarten to grade 12 established in common with the other states, as set forth in this section and in department rules implementing this section and other curricular requirements. The department must establish accountability standards at all grade levels in the areas of mathematics; reading; and science and technology. The department shall establish parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements in English language arts; mathematics; science and technology; social studies; career and education development; visual and performing arts; health, physical education and wellness; and world languages. Only students in a public school, a public charter school as defined in section 2401, subsection 9 or a private school approved for tuition that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students, as determined by the previous school year's October and April average enrollment, are required to participate in the system of learning results set forth in this section and in department rules implementing this section and other curricular requirements. The commissioner shall develop accommodation provisions for instances where course content conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of a student's parent or guardian. The system must be adapted to accommodate children with

disabilities as defined in section 7001, subsection ~~1-A~~ 1-B.

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

Effective April 30, 2015.

**CHAPTER 41**

**S.P. 30 - L.D. 82**

**An Act Concerning the Salary of Sheriffs**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §373, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 95, §2, is amended to read:

B. The salary of the county sheriff may not be reduced during the sheriff's term other than upon complaint, and after due notice and hearing, of malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect, or gross negligence or failure to maintain certification with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy by the board of county commissioners to the Office of the Governor.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 42**

**H.P. 266 - L.D. 400**

**An Act To Continue To Permit Persons 70 Years of Age and Older To Hunt with a Crossbow**

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

**Whereas**, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure minimal disruption to hunters and the hunting season; 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:**