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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §15689-D, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. C, §18, is further amended to read:

§15689-D. Governor's recommendation for funding levels

1. Annual recommendations. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget shall annually certify to the Legislature the funding levels that the Governor recommends under sections 15683, 15683-A, ~~15683-B~~, 15688-A, 15689 and 15689-A and the amount for any other components of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to this chapter. The Governor's recommendations must be transmitted to the Legislature within the time schedules set forth in Title 5, section 1666 and in the form and manner described in subsection 2 and these recommendations must be posted on the department's publicly accessible website. The commissioner may adjust, consistent with the Governor's recommendation for funding levels, per-pupil amounts not related to staffing pursuant to section 15680 and targeted funds pursuant to section 15681.

2. Funding level computations. The Governor's recommendations under subsection 1 must specify the amounts that are recommended for the total operating ~~allocation~~ allocations pursuant to section 15683 including the total allocation pursuant to section 15683-B, the total of other subsidizable costs pursuant to section 15681-A, the total debt service allocation pursuant to section 15683-A, the total costs of enhancing student performance and opportunity pursuant to section 15688-A, the total adjustments pursuant to section 15689, the total miscellaneous costs pursuant to section 15689-A, the amount for any other components of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to this chapter. The Governor's recommendations regarding the adjustments and miscellaneous costs components also must delineate each amount that is recommended for each subsection and paragraph under sections 15689 and 15689-A and the purposes for each cost in these sections. For each amount shown in the Governor's recommendations, the Governor's recommendations must also show the amount for the same component or purpose that is included in the most recently approved state budget, the differences between the amounts in the most recently approved state budget and the Governor's recommendations and the reasons for the changes. These computations must be posted on the department's publicly accessible website.

Sec. 10. 20-A MRSA §15689-E, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. C, §19, is further amended to read:

B. The state share of the total operating allocation and the total debt service allocation described in sections 15683 ~~and~~, 15683-A and 15683-B;

Sec. 11. Reports to the Legislature. Beginning on the effective date of this section and until one year after the effective date of this section, a virtual public charter school shall also submit to the Legislature each report that the virtual public charter school is required to submit to the Commissioner of Education or to the Department of Education.

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

Effective May 8, 2015.

CHAPTER 55

S.P. 91 - L.D. 253

An Act To Improve Permit Oversight for the Cutting of Christmas Trees and Evergreen Boughs

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8842-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §40 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

A. Cut Christmas trees or evergreen boughs on land of another without securing written permission or a bill of sale from the owner or the owner's authorized agents and having a copy of this written permission or bill of sale in immediate possession. ~~Only one such permit is needed per work crew.~~ Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; or

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 56

H.P. 324 - L.D. 485

An Act To Allow Licensed Foresters To Use Mechanics Liens

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §3251, as amended by PL 1997, c. 264, §1, is further amended to read:

§3251. Lien established

Whoever performs labor or furnishes labor or materials, including repair parts of machines used, or