

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2018**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 5, 2018 to June 20, 2019**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

ble, the number of teachers who were employed as principals or other school leaders.

Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §15683-C, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. VVVVV, §10, is amended to read:

B. Category 2, education support services, including the following services:

- (1) Substitute teachers and staff augmentation;
- (2) Technology and technology support;
- (3) Staff training and professional development;
- (4) ~~Regional school leadership academies;~~
- (5) Shared support services programs; and
- (6) Shared extracurricular or cocurricular programs.

Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Regional school leadership academy. Beginning in fiscal year 2020-21, the commissioner may expend and disburse funds to support the establishment of regional school leadership academies pursuant to chapter 502-C.

Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§27, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. VVVVV, §12, is repealed.

Sec. 9. Effective date. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 2651, subsection 2, as amended by Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Pt. VVVVV, section 5 and affected by section 14 takes effect June 30, 2020.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 71  
S.P. 243 - L.D. 807**

**An Act Regarding the Duties of  
the Public Advocate**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §26 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended to read:

5. Intervention on behalf of public. The Public Advocate may, on behalf of the using and consuming public, or any particular group of consumers, petition to initiate, or intervene and appear in, any proceedings before the commission, appeals from orders of the

commission, or proceedings before state and federal agencies and courts in which the subject matter of the action affects the customers of any utility or competitive service provider doing business in this State, ~~except that the Public Advocate may not intervene in any proceeding in which the commission staff is representing a position substantially similar to that of the Public Advocate, as determined by the Public Advocate.~~

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**Public Advocate 0410**

Initiative: Provides an allocation to fund additional staff activities related to the expansion of the Office of the Public Advocate's duties in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission and other state and federal agencies and courts.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$75,624	\$75,624
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$75,624	\$75,624

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 72  
S.P. 253 - L.D. 817**

**An Act To Advance the  
Restoration of the Penobscot  
River**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §418-A, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 674, is amended to read:

**§418-A. Protection of the Penobscot River**

1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the lower Penobscot River is a unique and valuable natural resource. The lower Penobscot River serves as an example to the Nation that good public policy carefully implemented can restore and preserve our natural resources. The river has supported, and is again beginning to support, the greatest run of Atlantic salmon and 11 other species of anadromous fish in North America, providing a unique fishing opportunity for Maine residents and members of the Penobscot Indian Nation. The Legislature declares that the preservation and restoration of the lower Penobscot River is of the highest priority.