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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
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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 VVVVV, §12, is repealed.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.

2. **Prohibition.** To protect water quality and aquatic resources, fisheries and fishing opportunities, and as an exercise of the public trust of the State, no person, firm, corporation, municipality or other legal entity may erect, operate, maintain or use any dam on that portion of the Penobscot River downstream from the ~~Bangor Hydroelectric Company Dam located at Veazie Milford Dam located between Milford and Old Town, except that portion of the river known as the Stillwater Branch,~~ to the southernmost point of Verona Island for any purpose not previously authorized by act, resolve or operation of law, unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

~~3. **Study authorized.** Any person, firm, corporation, municipality or other legal entity may study the feasibility of erecting, operating, maintaining or using a dam for hydroelectric generation on the portion of the Penobscot River described in subsection 2.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 73

H.P. 694 - L.D. 939

An Act Regarding the Regulation of Rabbit Production for Local Consumption

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2511, sub-§40-A is enacted to read:

40-A. Rabbit producer. "Rabbit producer" means a person that raises rabbits offered for sale.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2512, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 354, §2, is further amended to read:

A. Require ante mortem and post mortem inspections, quarantine, segregation and reinspections with respect to the slaughter of livestock and poultry and the preparation of livestock products and poultry products at all establishments in this State, except those exempted under section 2517-C or 2517-E or exempted by the commissioner under subsection 2, paragraph K, at which livestock or poultry are slaughtered or livestock products or poultry products are prepared for human food solely for distribution in intrastate commerce;

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2514-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 329, Pt. A, §8, is further amended to read:

C. Poultry producer ~~who~~ that processes fewer than 1,000 birds annually under section 2517-C; ~~or~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2514-A, sub-§1, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Rabbit producer that processes fewer than 1,000 rabbits annually under section 2517-E; or

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2517-E is enacted to read:

§2517-E. Slaughter and inspection; producer exemption for rabbits

1. Exemption for processing fewer than 1,000 rabbits annually. Notwithstanding section 2512 and whether or not the rabbits are intended for human consumption, inspection is not required for the slaughter of rabbits or the preparation of rabbit products as long as the rabbits are slaughtered by the rabbit producer and the rabbit products are prepared on the farm where the rabbits were raised and:

A. Fewer than 1,000 rabbits are slaughtered annually on the farm;

B. No rabbits are offered for sale or transportation in interstate commerce;

C. Any rabbit products sold are sold only as whole rabbit carcasses;

D. The rabbit producer is registered under section 2514-A;

E. The rabbit producer assigns a lot number to all rabbit products sold and maintains a record of assigned lot numbers and the point of sale;

F. The rabbit products are sold in accordance with the restrictions in subsection 2; and

G. The rabbit products are labeled with:

(1) The name of the farm, the name of the rabbit producer and the address of the farm including the zip code;

(2) The registration number issued to the rabbit producer in accordance with section 2514-A and the lot number for the rabbit products pursuant to paragraph E;

(3) The statement "Exempt under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2517-E NOT INSPECTED." The statement must be prominently displayed with such conspicuousness that it is likely to be read and understood; and

(4) Safe handling and cooking instructions as follows: "SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS: Keep refrigerated or frozen. Thaw in refrigerator or microwave. Keep raw rabbit meat separate from other foods. Wash working surfaces, including cutting