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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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

division of data, research and vital statistics shall report by December 4, 2019 to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on data on the incidence of marriage of minors in the State.

**Sec. 2. Joint standing committee may report out a bill. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill based on the subject matter of the report under section 1 to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 47**

**S.P. 296 - L.D. 1017**

**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Labor To Develop a Framework for Encouraging Employers To Identify Safer Alternatives to Hazardous Chemicals**

**Sec. 1. Development of framework for safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall, in collaboration with interested parties and employers and employees in industries that are likely to utilize hazardous chemicals, develop a framework for identifying hazardous chemicals used in the workplace and identify safer alternatives to those hazardous chemicals. The department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing by December 20, 2019 that includes a proposed framework, a list of participants who participated in developing the proposed framework and a summary of the process used to develop the framework. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature based on the report.

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**CHAPTER 48**

**H.P. 756 - L.D. 1026**

**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine Best Practices in Elections**

**Sec. 1. Study of post-election ballots and recounts. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall conduct a study of best practices in post-election ballot audits, recounts and the intersection of audits with recounts. In conducting the study, the Secretary of State may consult with state and municipal election officials, election security advocates and other experts in the field of election audits and recounts. The Secretary of State, by December 6, 2023 shall submit a re-

port of the findings and recommendations of the study, including any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over election matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 49**

**H.P. 768 - L.D. 1038**

**Resolve, To Convene a Stakeholder Group on Funding and Training for the State's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams and the Acquisition of Equipment**

**Sec. 1. Review of funding and training for hazardous materials emergency response teams and the acquisition of equipment. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall convene a stakeholder group to review and make recommendations regarding the funding currently provided to the hazardous materials emergency response teams in the Department of Environmental Protection, including the 8 regional response teams and the 7 decontamination strike teams, funding options, the training of the teams and the acquisition of equipment. The director shall invite to the stakeholder group representatives of the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association, fire chiefs from municipalities with regional response teams and decontamination strike teams and other persons who express interest in the work of the stakeholder group. The recommendations of the stakeholder group must be compatible with the strategic plan of the State Emergency Response Commission.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall present the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by November 6, 2019. Following receipt of the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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