

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 2, 2020 to March 30, 2021

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 28, 2021 to July 19, 2021

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 29, 2021

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NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2021

Initiative: Establishes base allocations to authorize expenditures for the Maine Service Fellows Program if funding is received from federal sources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,000	\$1,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 156
S.P. 330 - L.D. 1040**

An Act To Require Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training or Implicit Bias Training for School Resource Officers

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6556 is enacted to read:

§6556. School resource officers

A school resource officer shall complete diversity, equity and inclusion training or implicit bias training at least once during that officer's first year of employment as a school resource officer. For purposes of this section, "school resource officer" means a law enforcement officer as defined in Title 25, section 3701, subsection 3 who works in a public school.

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**CHAPTER 157
H.P. 779 - L.D. 1050**

An Act Regarding the Duties of School Boards Pursuant to the Laws Governing Attendance at Elementary and Secondary Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5003, as amended by PL 1983, c. 806, §51, is further amended to read:

§5003. Administration

1. **School board's responsibility.** School boards shall administer this chapter.

2. **Rules Policies.** School boards shall adopt ~~rules~~ policies to carry out this chapter and shall file a copy with the commissioner.

3. **Commissioner's responsibility.** The commissioner shall guide school boards in adopting these ~~rules~~ policies.

Sec. 2. **School board rules regarding attendance deemed to be policies.** Any rules regarding attendance at elementary and secondary schools adopted by a school board pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5003 prior to the effective date of this Act are deemed to be policies under Title 20-A, section 5003.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 158
S.P. 367 - L.D. 1106**

An Act To Prohibit an Employer from Charging an Employee for Direct Deposit for Wages

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §621-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. **Direct deposit of wages.** An employer may not charge a fee for the payment of wages by means of direct deposit. For purposes of this section, "direct deposit" means the transfer of wages through electronic funds transfer directly into an employee's account in an accredited financial institution designated by the employee.

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