

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2021**

the delivery of services by ambulance service providers in this State, including issues related to the medical necessity and reasonableness of ambulance services. The stakeholder group shall consider and develop financial and cost reporting standards and other metrics related to the delivery and quality of ambulance services to measure and evaluate ambulance services in this State. The Emergency Medical Services' Board shall submit a report on the results of its review, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters no later than February 1, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 242  
H.P. 975 - L.D. 1323**

**An Act To Maximize Service to Students by Adopting Conditional Allowances for Participation by Families of School Board Members in School Activities**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 128, §1, is amended to read:

A. "Employee" means a person who receives ongoing monetary payment or benefits, no matter the amount paid or hours worked, for personal services performed for a school administrative unit.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§1, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

A-1. "Stipend employee" means a person who receives limited monetary payment or benefits, through a series of payments or in a lump sum, for personal services performed in an advisory, mentoring or coaching capacity for a school administrative unit.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 128, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Employment by school administrative unit, school union, academy.** A member of a school board or spouse of a member may not be an employee in a public school within the jurisdiction of the school board to which the member is elected or in a contract high school or academy located within a supervisory union in which the member is a representative on the union committee.

A. A school board may, but is not required to, permit the spouse of a member of the school board to serve as a stipend employee on a contractual basis when that action is in the best interest of students and a summation of potential conflicts of interest is documented and a priori mitigations are described in the signed contract. A school board may adopt a written policy on nepotism that includes hiring practices for school-sanctioned stipend positions, discourages favoritism and political patronage, considers the needs of the school system and provides that all qualified applicants have a fair and equal opportunity to be selected on merit, with priority consideration given to the best interest of students without restrictions based solely on family association.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2024.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Permissive volunteer placement by school administrative unit, school union, academy.** Notwithstanding subsection 2-A, a school board may, but is not required to, permit a school board member's spouse to serve as a volunteer. A school board may adopt a written policy on nepotism to discourage favoritism and political patronage, consider the needs of the school system and provide that all volunteers have a fair and equal opportunity to be selected on merit, with priority consideration given to the best interest of students without restrictions based solely on family association.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 243  
S.P. 462 - L.D. 1412**

**An Act To Update and Improve the MaineEARNs Database and Reconvene the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12902** is enacted to read: **§12902. Educational outcome database**

No later than January 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Education and the task force, shall update the database.

**Sec. 2. State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force appointments.** All appointments to the State Education and Employment