

# 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**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2021**

**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**  
**2021**

H. One member from a regional development organization serving one or more of the following: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Oxford County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County and Washington County;

I. One member who is involved in career and technical education;

J. One member who is employed in the public sector;

K. One member who is employed in the private sector;

L. The State Economist, who serves ex officio; and

M. The chief executive officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief executive officer's designee, who serves ex officio.

The steering committee shall elect a chair from among its members to serve a term of 2 years.

**5. Location and access.** The analysis, recommendations and research results gathered pursuant to this subchapter must be maintained by the institute at the University of Maine System and must be available for use by any interested group or individual.

**6. Sunset.** This section is repealed September 1, 2024.

**Sec. 3. Sunset review.** During the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters shall examine and review the work of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13120-T in order to make a decision regarding the continuation of the institute. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters may report out a bill based on that review to the 131st Legislature.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the costs to the Legislature to contract with the University of Maine System to establish and maintain, for its duration, the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 451**

**S.P. 548 - L.D. 1692**

**An Act To Improve Judicial Branch Facilities in Hancock County**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-I**, as reallocated by PL 2017, c. 288, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

**§1610-I. Additional securities; ~~Judicial Branch~~ judicial branch**

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities from time to time in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$95,600,000 outstanding at any one time for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the ~~Judicial Branch~~ judicial branch in the counties of Oxford, Waldo and York, acquiring and improving property relating to the judicial branch in Hancock County and planning for other court facilities.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 452**

**H.P. 822 - L.D. 1144**

**An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Advance Health Care Directives**

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

**Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §5-803-A** is enacted to read:

**§5-803-A. Remote signing of advance health care directives in health care facilities**

When a principal in a hospital or a residential health care facility has an infectious disease and is confined to a room or ward where isolation precautions prevent the physical presence of individuals or documents necessary for executing the principal's advance health care directives, staff, employees and agents of a hospital or a residential health care facility where the principal is located may assist and facilitate the execution of advance health care directives using the process provided in this section.

The principal may direct another individual physically located beyond the isolation area but in the same