

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

Augusta, Maine
2022

2. **Fuel gas detector required.** The building owner shall install, or cause to be installed, in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements at least one approved fuel gas detector in every room containing an appliance ~~fueled by~~ that combusts propane, natural gas or any liquified petroleum gas in:

- A. Each unit in any building of multifamily occupancy;
- B. A fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory that is affiliated with an educational facility;
- C. A children's home, emergency children's shelter, children's residential care facility, shelter for homeless children or specialized children's home as defined in Title 22, section 8101, subsections 1, 2, 4, 4-A and 5, respectively;
- D. A hotel, motel or inn;
- E. A mixed use occupancy that contains a dwelling unit;
- F. A Beginning January 1, 2026, a business occupancy;
- G. A Beginning January 1, 2026, a mercantile occupancy; or
- H. ~~An~~ Beginning January 1, 2026, an assembly occupancy.

PART E

Sec. E-1. 20-A MRSA §6601-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 212, §1, is further amended to read:

§6601-A. Free or reduced-price school meals; Internet-based school meal applications

The department shall contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 and the School Breakfast Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220. The department shall make available to public schools the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals developed under this section on the department's publicly accessible website. The department shall make the Internet-based application in an understandable and uniform format and, to the maximum extent practicable, in a language that parents and legal guardians can understand. A public school may make the Internet-based application available for school meal applications on the public school's publicly accessible website. All public schools shall continue to distribute paper applications for school meals to all students. A public school is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications. Data submitted through the Internet-based application may not be visible to the department and must be transmitted directly to the applicable public school. All public schools shall accept data submitted through the department's Internet-based application.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 2, 2022.

CHAPTER 677

H.P. 127 - L.D. 174

An Act To Implement Maine's Roadmap to End Hunger by 2030

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Strategic plan to end hunger. Act as the lead among departments and agencies of State Government to implement a strategic plan to end hunger in the State by 2030. The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, established in Title 5, section 3102, shall provide staffing services to the commissioner as necessary for purposes of this subsection. Strategies must include:

- A. Building infrastructure and capacity necessary within and outside State Government to coordinate implementation of the plan to end hunger in the State;
- B. Ensuring consistent, easy and equitable access to healthy and culturally appropriate food;
- C. Promoting, supporting and enabling economic security and opportunity for all households in the State;
- D. Focusing on collective responsibility to amplify the voices of persons experiencing food insecurity; and
- E. Closing the equity gap in household food insecurity by addressing underlying structural inequities.

The commissioner shall establish an advisory committee to guide the implementation of the strategic plan under this subsection to end hunger in the State. The advisory committee must be composed of members with expertise relevant to the strategic plan to end hunger in the State, including, but not limited to, expertise related to economic development, employment, housing, children's issues, health care, education, transportation, emergency food and the social safety net as well as expertise that derives from lived experience of poverty and food insecurity. At least 1/3 of the members, or 3 members, whichever is greater, of the advisory committee must be persons with lived experience of food insecurity or generational poverty. The advisory committee shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters, health and human services matters, labor and

housing matters, transportation matters and economic and community development matters no later than January 1st of each year until 2030 regarding activities and progress made toward ending hunger in the State by 2030. The joint standing committees may each submit a bill to the Legislature each year relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 2. Strategic plan to end hunger by 2030. The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3102 shall coordinate the implementation of the strategies to build infrastructure and increase capacity to end hunger in the State as outlined in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry January 2022 report, "Everyone at the Table: Maine's Roadmap to End Hunger by 2030."

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Appropriates funding for one Public Service Coordinator II position and related All Other costs to support the coordination, communications and activities of the strategic plan to end hunger in the State by 2030.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS -	0.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$125,885
All Other	\$0	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$130,885

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 678
S.P. 131 - L.D. 305**

An Act To Include Certain Employees in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Employed" means to be employed as an active duty firefighter or by the Office of the State Fire Marshal or by the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry or to be an active member

of a volunteer fire association with no compensation other than injury and death benefits.

Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

C. "Firefighter" means a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire association whose duties include the extinguishment of fires ~~or~~ an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry whose duties include the extinguishment or investigation of fires.

Sec. 3. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §2, is further amended to read:

6. Length of service. In order to qualify for the presumption under subsection 2, the firefighter must have been employed as a firefighter for 5 years and, except for an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry, regularly responded to firefighting or emergency calls.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 679
S.P. 220 - L.D. 533**

An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §15011, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 481, §1, is amended to read:

§15011. Statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program

Beginning ~~September 1, 2020~~ January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall implement a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program to provide support, guidance and training to improve the abilities and skills of early care and education teachers and providers working in public elementary schools, child care facilities as defined in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B, family child care settings and Head Start programs serving infants and children who are 8 years of age or younger who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings, and to improve the abilities and