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Augusta, Maine 2021

CHAPTER 3

H.P. 94 - L.D. 138

Resolve, Regarding Reading Proficiency Data Analysis

Sec. 1. Reading data analysis. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall conduct an analysis of reading assessment measures, locally established benchmarks for reading proficiency, reading achievement data available between spring of 2021 and fall of 2022 and reading instructional programs and resources being used by school administrative units. The analysis must focus on which measures, programs, resources, evidence-based practices and educator supports are yielding student growth.

Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall submit 2 reports to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The reports must include the Department of Education's analysis and findings in section 1 and a set of recommendations for improving student outcomes in reading. The Department of Education shall submit the first report no later than January 1, 2022, and the committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. The Department of Education shall submit the 2nd report no later than December 1, 2022.

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CHAPTER 4

H.P. 110 - L.D. 154

Resolve, To Name Bridge 2267 in the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge

Sec. 1. Bridge in Embden and Solon named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2267, which crosses the Kennebec River between the Town of Embden and the Town of Solon, the Jotham and Emma Stevens Bridge.

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CHAPTER 5

H.P. 416 - L.D. 571

Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Veazie the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge

Sec. 1. Main Street bridge in Veazie renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3684 on Main Street in the Town of Veazie, currently known as the County Road Crossing Bridge, the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge.

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CHAPTER 6

S.P. 38 - L.D. 30

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey a Parcel of Land in Augusta to the Maine Veterans' Homes

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is within the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

Whereas, title to the parcel of land underlying the veterans' home in Augusta was conveyed by the former Department of Conservation, Bureau of Public Lands to the Maine Veterans' Homes in order to provide security for the issuance of bonds to finance the construction of a veterans' home in Aroostook County and in southern Maine and the legislation and deed related to that conveyance requires that the parcel revert back to the State when all bonds described in subsection 1 of the deed conveying the property to the Maine Veterans' Homes mature and all outstanding principal, interest and premium, if any, on the bonds has been paid to the bonds has been defeased; and

Whereas, once the parcel reverts, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is required to enter into a lease with the Maine Veterans' Homes under the same terms as the previous lease as long as the property is used for the purposes associated with the maintenance of a veterans' home in Augusta; and