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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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D. Developing a regional index for salary adjustments across the State with a specific career and technical education teacher and administrator salary matrix; and

E. Examining an adjustment to the student-to-teacher ratio for those career and technical education programs that have legal requirements or industry restrictions determining the student-to-teacher ratio.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall submit an interim report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 15, 2021 on the work conducted by the work group and any recommendations developed. The Department of Education shall submit a final report no later than March 15, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation related to either report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 37

H.P. 260 - L.D. 362

Resolve, To Require the Department of Education To Report on Family Income Data Collection

Sec. 1. Report. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2022, the Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on strategies to use alternative databases and family income measures to determine eligibility for public school nutrition programs. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 38

H.P. 403 - L.D. 558

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Develop a Study Plan Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in the Agricultural Sector

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; study plan. Resolved: That

the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall develop a comprehensive research study plan to identify and aid farmers who are or may be affected by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination. The department shall develop the study plan in consultation with research partners, including, but not limited to, the University of Maine; the University of Maine Cooperative Extension; the Department of Environmental Protection; and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In developing the study plan, the department may consult with a statewide organization working to protect the public and the environment from toxic chemicals and a statewide organization representing organic gardeners and farmers. The study plan must include research topic areas that may include alternative agricultural business planning including energy production and alternative cropping systems, study needs, possible roles of state agencies and research collaborators to conduct the work, proposed time frames and a proposed budget and target sources of funding for implementing the plan. The department shall submit a report regarding the comprehensive research study plan, including findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by February 1, 2022.

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CHAPTER 39

H.P. 440 - L.D. 604

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Report on Charter School Funding Methods and Reporting Protocols

Sec. 1. Department of Education to report on charter school funding methods and reporting protocols. Resolved: That the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2022 on funding methods and reporting protocols of public charter schools. The report must include financing mechanisms and methods used across the country, how other states handle the reporting of public financing of charter schools and the methods for informing state legislatures, the public and other interested parties on how charter schools are funded within a particular state.

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