

# 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**  
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**OCTOBER 18, 2021**

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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**

Junction and connecting to the Pan Am Railroad corridor from Yarmouth Junction to Portland.

The department shall also conduct a high-level alternatives analysis for both rail corridors identified in this section to support selection of a preferred alignment and for comparison to other transportation connections between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by March 1, 2022. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the findings and recommendations provided in the department's report.

**Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation may accept funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study under section 1. The total cost of the study may not exceed \$200,000. No funds may be collected by or transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives commitments for no less than 10% of the overall cost of the study from municipalities that would be affected by the expansion of passenger rail service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The department may enter into agreements with the relevant municipalities for the municipalities to pay their relevant portions to fund the study in installments. If the municipalities have not fulfilled their commitment to provide 10% of the overall costs of the study by the dates agreed upon with the department, the department may discontinue the study. If the department discontinues the study, any remaining municipal funds must be returned to the relevant municipalities and any remaining department funds appropriated for the study must be returned to the accounts from which they were appropriated.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for an economic evaluation study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. Ten percent of the cost of the study must be provided by municipalities that would be directly impacted by the train service with the remaining cost provided by existing funding within this account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$180,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$180,000	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 57  
H.P. 182 - L.D. 261**

**Resolve, Directing the Advisory Committee on Truancy, Dropouts and Alternative Education To Study Truancy and Attendance in the State and Develop Recommendations To Improve Student Attendance**

**Sec. 1. Advisory committee on truancy, dropouts and alternative education study. Resolved:** That the advisory committee on truancy, dropouts and alternative education established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5152 shall conduct a study on truancy and attendance data in the State and submit a report based on the study, in conjunction with the advisory committee's annual report, no later than February 1, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The report must include an in-depth analysis of the data on truancy and attendance, including an analysis of what is and is not working regarding student attendance and recommendations on how to improve attendance of all school-age children. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 58  
H.P. 381 - L.D. 518**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Review and Assess State-mandated Instruction and Training for Students**

**Sec. 1. Department of Education to study state-mandated instruction and training for students. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall study current instruction and training for pre-kindergarten to grade 12 students mandated by the State and the process by which mandated instruction and training for these students are established.