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may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 74

H.P. 482 - L.D. 655

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Survey School Administrative Units and Review the Feasibility of a 30-minute Lunch Period for Students

Sec. 1. Department of Education to survey schools regarding the feasibility of a 30-minute lunch period. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall conduct a survey of all school administrative units regarding the capacity of each school administrative unit to implement a minimum 30-minute lunch period for all students within each school building. The department shall report its findings no later than December 1, 2021 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 75

H.P. 879 - L.D. 1201

Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Engage Stakeholders in an Examination of Fair Chance Housing Policy Options

Sec. 1. Fair chance housing examination. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall in collaboration with stakeholders examine fair chance housing policies considered or adopted in other jurisdictions. This examination must consider policies that may be adopted in the State to address housing issues for formerly incarcerated individuals and to expand housing opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals without creating an excessive burden for housing providers.

The authority shall invite stakeholders that include but are not limited to:

1. Formerly incarcerated individuals;
2. Housing providers that own, lease or manage residential housing units that:
 - A. Are owned or subsidized by the Federal Government or the State; or

B. Are financed in whole or part by government subsidies or tax credits;

3. Landlords or representatives of statewide organizations representing landowners and property managers;

4. Representatives from a statewide organization that represents the interests of currently incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals;

5. Representatives from a statewide civil legal aid and economic justice organization;

6. Representatives of civil rights organizations whose primary mission is racial equity and justice; and

7. Representatives of organizations that advocate for residents of the State in the following areas:

- A. Disability rights;
- B. Mental health;
- C. Substance use disorder and recovery; and
- D. Homelessness.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That no later than February 15, 2022 the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report that includes findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The report must include a summary of any meetings that occur pursuant to section 1, a list of participants in the examination of fair chance housing policies, suggestions to increase the awareness among housing providers of the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated individuals in finding housing and any other relevant information. The report may include suggested legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the report.

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CHAPTER 76

S.P. 83 - L.D. 195

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Develop a Draft Registration Program for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction

Sec. 1. Registration for general contractors for home improvement and construction. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall develop a draft registration

program for general contractors for home improvement and construction.

Sec. 2. Requirements. Resolved: That, in developing a draft registration program as required by section 1, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall consider:

1. "Dwelling" to mean a residential structure that contains one to 4 units, including an individual condominium unit, cooperative unit or, if used as a residence, manufactured housing;

2. "General contractor" to include any individual who undertakes, offers to undertake or submits a bid to build a dwelling or perform any home improvement if the total cost of the project exceeds \$5,000. The commissioner may not consider the term "general contractor" to include:

A. Any individual who builds a dwelling or performs any home improvement on any dwelling that is intended to be used as the individual's residence unless the primary purpose of the structure is a commercial enterprise;

B. Any subcontractor working under the direction of a general contractor; or

C. Any individual licensed as an electrician or plumber or in another profession and who is acting exclusively within the scope of the individual's license;

3. "Home improvement" to include building or constructing a dwelling and fixing, replacing, altering, converting, modernizing, improving or making an addition to real property primarily designed or used as a residence. "Home improvement" includes structural work and the construction, installation, replacement and improvement of in-ground swimming pools, porches, kitchens, chimneys, chimney liners, garages, fallout shelters, central air conditioning, central heating, heat pumps, boilers, furnaces, hot water heaters, electric wiring, sewers, plumbing fixtures, storm doors, storm windows or siding and other improvements to structures within the residence or upon the land adjacent to the residence. "Home improvement" does not include landscaping; interior painting or wall covering; finished floor covering, including but not limited to carpeting, vinyl floor covering or tile; fencing or freestanding masonry walls; installation of aboveground swimming pools; shutter or awning installation; installation of ground-level patios; or asphalt and driveway installation and maintenance; and

4. The requirements for registration for general contractors to include:

A. Disclosure of years of experience in the home improvement and construction industry;

B. Workers' compensation insurance;

C. Liability insurance;

D. Disclosure of prior judgments against the applicant;

E. Disclosure of prior bankruptcy petitions filed by or against the applicant;

F. Disclosure of status of licensure or registration in other jurisdictions; and

G. Applicable fees.

Sec. 3. Draft registration program and legislation. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit the draft registration program developed under section 1 and any proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by December 1, 2021. The committee is authorized to submit a bill based on the draft registration program and proposed legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 77

H.P. 575 - L.D. 770

Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Issues Related to Hunting Dogs and Civil Trespass

Sec. 1. Examination. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a stakeholder group to examine issues related to hunting dogs and civil trespass. The department shall ensure that the stakeholder group is as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible and shall invite participation from at least the following: representatives of affected landowners and persons who use dogs in hunting and others with interest in or expertise on the subject matter of the examination. The department may include or involve the Landowners and Sportsmen Relations Advisory Board under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10157 in the work of the stakeholder group.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations resulting from the examination under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 3, 2022. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the 130th Legislature.

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