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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

- C. Assist the council with contract negotiations;
- D. Assist the council with processing invoices;
- E. Serve as a nonvoting member of the council; and
- F. Perform all other duties necessary to assist the council in performing its powers and duties pursuant to subsection 5.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §8704, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2017, c. 408, §6, is further amended to read:

4. Appointment Election of chair and vice-chair. Every 2 years, the members shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the membership. The vice-chair shall serve as acting chair in the absence of the chair. The council shall meet at the call of the chair but no fewer than 4 times during the calendar year. The chair may delegate, as necessary, duties to members of the council, either individually or through the formation of subcommittees, to carry out the functions of the council.

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CHAPTER 183

H.P. 684 - L.D. 1089

An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2405, sub-§8, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. The commission, or a representative of the commission, shall appear annually in January before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters to present the annual report required in subsection 4. The commission's appearance before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters must be in person unless otherwise authorized by the committee.

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CHAPTER 184

S.P. 561 - L.D. 1394

An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1166, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 506, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund planned yield" means the percentage of wages, as defined in section 1043, subsection 19, equal to ~~02%~~ .034% of the total wages for each contributing employer subject to this chapter.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. "Certified preapprenticeship training program" means a preapprenticeship training program certified by the Maine Apprenticeship Program pursuant to section 3213.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. "Preapprenticeship training program" has the same meaning as in section 3201, subsection 15-A.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§4, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. A registered apprenticeship program approved pursuant to section 3202 is deemed to have met the requirements of this subsection.

Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§6, ¶A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

A. The program must provide to a participant, in accordance with rules adopted by the department, when education, training and support are not reasonably available from another recognized program and are necessary to carry out that participant's plan:

- (1) Books, supplies, tools and equipment required by the participant's plan;
- (2) Child care, transportation and other necessary support as determined by the department; ~~and~~
- (3) Assistance needed to obtain remedial or prerequisite education necessary for the participant to participate successfully in the program; ~~and~~
- (4) Related costs of licensing or certification necessary to practice in an occupation for which the individual is qualified.

Money for mandatory fees or tuition may not be provided unless the participant is not eligible for necessary funds from other public grants or scholarships reasonably available to the participant for this purpose.

Registered apprentices and individuals participating in a plan that includes a certified preapprenticeship training program approved pursuant to subsec-