

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the status of a Maine teacher residency program administered by the university.

Sec. 2. Maine Education Policy Research Institute to study career ladders for educators. The Maine Education Policy Research Institute shall study the development of career ladders for educators. The study must include:

1. A review of career ladders for educators developed in other states, including Maryland;
2. An analysis of the options for developing a teacher residency certificate and advanced teacher certificates, such as distinguished teacher certificates and lead teacher certificates;
3. Ways to diversify the educator workforce; and
4. Educator recruitment and retention best practices.

By December 6, 2023, the institute shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the Maine Teacher Residency Program at the University of Southern Maine.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 470

H.P. 1068 - L.D. 1670

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §320-C, sub-§6, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. KK, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

- (2) Recommending program changes and improvements; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §320-C, sub-§6, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. KK, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

- (3) Preparing a comprehensive report, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development and other appropriate agencies and organizational partners, on the performance, use and sustainability of funds and supporting programs of the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund to submit to the commissioner; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §320-C, sub-§6, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. KK, §2, is amended by enacting subparagraph (4) to read:

- (4) Collaborating with the Department of Economic and Community Development and other appropriate agencies and organizational partners to ensure that investment objectives are appropriately targeted and not duplicative and to establish various grant and loan instruments as part of the fund.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund N383

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support public-private partnerships to facilitate strategic investments in the State's agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries. These funds are nonlapsing.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 471

S.P. 674 - L.D. 1687

An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance

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