

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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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**  
**2023**

2. Identify and consider mechanisms that could be used to overcome the obstacles identified in subsection 1 and to support the child care providers that currently operate in this State, including, but not limited to, state funding, grant programs, workforce incentives and tax credits; and

3. Conduct a review of other states that have faced child care obstacles similar to those in this State, identify the measures taken by those states to address the obstacles and determine whether similar measures may be effectively implemented in this State.

To the extent any task identified in this section is already being conducted by one or more state entities, the council may, instead of completing the task on its own, identify the entities conducting the task, review the work being conducted by those entities and evaluate whether there is a need for increased resources or coordination related to that task.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2024, the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its findings and recommendations related to the tasks identified in section 1. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 29**

**H.P. 128 - L.D. 207**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Commissioner of Public Safety  
to Establish a Stakeholder  
Group to Examine the  
Responsibilities, Fees and  
Duties of the Technical  
Building Codes and Standards  
Board**

**Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Public Safety shall convene a stakeholder group to examine the responsibilities, fees and duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A.

1. The commissioner shall invite, at a minimum, the participation in the stakeholder group of the following:

A. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation or the commissioner's designee;

B. The Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future or the director's designee;

C. The State Fire Marshal or the marshal's designee;

D. The Executive Director of the Efficiency Maine Trust or the executive director's designee;

E. The director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's designee;

F. A representative of a statewide association of real estate developers;

G. A representative of a trade association of engineers;

H. A representative of a trade association of architects;

I. A representative of a trade association of residential building contractors;

J. A representative of a trade association of commercial construction contractors;

K. A representative of a trade association of lumber dealers;

L. A representative of a statewide association of fire chiefs;

M. A representative of a statewide chamber of commerce;

N. A representative of a trade association of building officials and inspectors; and

O. A representative of a statewide association of municipalities.

2. At a minimum, the stakeholder group shall examine the following subjects relating to the responsibilities, fees and duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board:

A. The administration of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board and the budget and fees required to support the board's duties;

B. The timeline for the adoption of building codes and standards;

C. The appropriate legislative committee of jurisdiction for legislation concerning building codes and standards;

D. Cost-benefit analyses associated with the adoption of building codes and standards including consideration of the effect of such adoption on housing costs;

E. The adoption of so-called stretch codes;

F. The responsibilities and feasibility of technical advisory groups; and

G. The training and education of interested parties, including, but not limited to, code enforcement officers, contractors and designers.

The stakeholder group shall identify strategies, make findings and develop recommendations, including any necessary legislation, to address the matters described in this section for inclusion in the report required under section 2.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, on or before February 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety a report describing the strategies, findings and recommendations, including any necessary legislation, of the stakeholder group under section 1. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 30**

**H.P. 233 - L.D. 382**

**Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George**

**Sec. 1. Designate portion of Route 131 the Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Buzynski Road. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any previous legislatively designated name for this portion of Route 131, the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 131 from 1012 River Road in the Town of St. George to a point one mile north the Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Buzynski Road.

**Sec. 2. Designate portion of Route 131 the Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ross, Jr. Road. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any previous legislatively designated name for this portion of Route 131, the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 131 from 1012 River Road in the Town of St. George to a point one mile south the Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ross, Jr. Road.

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**CHAPTER 31**

**H.P. 245 - L.D. 394**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education**

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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**CHAPTER 32**

**H.P. 324 - L.D. 519**

**Resolve, to Evaluate a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses**

**Sec. 1. Vehicle-to-grid pilot project. Resolved:** That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall assess the feasibility of implementing a vehicle-to-grid pilot project, located at the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District, in which electric school buses are charged at times when there are lower demands on the electric grid and stored electricity is discharged to the electric grid when there are greater demands on the grid. The trust shall consider the likelihood of an electric school bus vehicle-to-grid pilot project becoming cost-effective in the future, options that will minimize the costs and maximize ratepayer benefits, forecasted costs inclusive of grid interconnection and whether a pilot project could be implemented within the available budget in the trust's Innovation Program. The trust shall work with interested parties and stakeholders to complete the assessment of the pilot project.

**Sec. 2. Report on vehicle-to-grid pilot project. Resolved:** That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall, by January 15, 2024, submit the assessment of the pilot project under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The assessment must include a recommendation by the trust regarding the feasibility of the pilot project. If the trust recommends implementing an electric school bus vehicle-to-grid pilot project, the trust shall provide a complete proposed project design and budget.

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