

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**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**

a public hearing as part of its rule-making process. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 39**

**S.P. 406 - L.D. 987**

**Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Initiate a Proceeding to Explore Strategies to Procure Standard-offer Service in a Manner that Promotes the Stability of Residential Standard-offer Rates**

**Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission to initiate a proceeding. Resolved:** That within 30 days of the effective date of this section, the Public Utilities Commission shall initiate a proceeding to develop a procurement strategy and consider other measures that could be used to increase rate stability for residential customers that receive standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212. The commission shall consider in the proceeding the use of varied contract lengths and terms to reduce price volatility from year to year.

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**CHAPTER 40**

**H.P. 666 - L.D. 1030**

**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage**

**Sec. 1. Report on school bus driver shortage. Resolved:** That, by January 3, 2024, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation with any findings related to the school bus driver shortage, the efforts the Secretary of State has made to alleviate the shortage and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to alleviate the shortage. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 41**

**H.P. 669 - L.D. 1033**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop and Distribute Guidance for Diploma Options at the Arthur R. Gould School**

**Sec. 1. Department of Education to develop guidance about diploma options for residents of the Long Creek Youth Development Center who are attending the Arthur R. Gould School. Resolved:**

That the Department of Education shall develop and distribute guidance related to diploma options for residents of the Long Creek Youth Development Center who are attending the Arthur R. Gould School pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3815 and who are preparing to graduate pursuant to the department's rule Chapter 127: Instructional Program, Assessment and Diploma Requirements. The distribution model must include distributing the guidance to all superintendents, principals and school counselors and to the principal of the Arthur R. Gould School and yearly notice of the guidance and must include, but not be limited to, the following diploma options for the student: an Arthur R. Gould School diploma, a diploma from the student's sending school or a Department of Education diploma under Title 20-A, section 257-A.

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**CHAPTER 42**

**H.P. 808 - L.D. 1260**

**Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State**

**Sec. 1. Secretary of State to study appointment of deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education; moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service to the office of the Secretary of State. Resolved:**

That the Secretary of State shall, within existing resources, study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters and of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, from the Department of Education to the office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall consult with the Commissioner of Education concerning moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for