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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Transportation shall appoint 2 chairs from the members appointed under section 2.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved:** That, appointments made under section 2 must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall:

1. Develop a document that simplifies and standardizes the United States Access Board's Design Recommendations for Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for use by contractors and other parties interested in the design and installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The document may address accessibility of a charging station by a user, station aisle width and design, equipment placement, signs and other elements; and
2. Develop recommended standards for the accessibility of electric vehicle charging stations to persons with disabilities and how those standards may be best incorporated into local code standards.

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 3, 2024, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation a report that includes the working group's recommendations, including suggested legislation. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 54**

**H.P. 302 - L.D. 485**

**Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements**

**Sec. 1. State Board of Education to study potential revisions to educator credential requirements. Resolved:** That the State Board of Education shall study potential revisions to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. The State Board of Education's study must include, but is not limited to, review of:

1. Athletic director qualifications, including potential revisions to the requirements regarding a Maine administrator certificate other than a Teaching Principal's certificate, diversity-centered content and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's accredited certification program;

2. The industrial arts endorsement, also referred to as "700 certification," including potential revisions from an industrial arts endorsement to an industrial arts, technology and engineering endorsement, and establishing alternative pathways for experiential laboratories and apprenticeships;

3. Potential additional waivers for educators holding certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or for conditional certification extensions due to extenuating circumstances;

4. Reciprocity for educators holding out-of-state educator credentials or certification; and

5. Any other potential revisions the State Board of Education identifies.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the State Board of Education, no later than January 2, 2024, shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The report must include, with specificity for each of the required components of the study listed in section 1, findings and recommendations on whether revisions are needed to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel and, if revisions are needed, suggested legislation to implement the potential revisions. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 55**

**H.P. 550 - L.D. 884**

**Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center**

**Sec. 1. Creation of state employee and legislative child care center. Resolved:** That, no later than October 1, 2024, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall conduct a study, within existing resources, on the creation of a state employee and legislative child care center. The department shall study practical matters inherent to creating the child care center, including proximity to the State House, whether to build a new facility or repurpose an existing facility, the time period for opening the child care center and credits or stipends to pay for child care and staffing requirements. As part of the study, the department shall conduct a survey of state employees and

Legislators to determine potential use of the child care center. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government no later than October 1, 2024.

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**CHAPTER 56**

**H.P. 662 - L.D. 1026**

**Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta**

**Sec. 1. Dental therapy degree feasibility study. Resolved:** That the University of Maine System shall study and analyze the feasibility of establishing a dental therapy degree program at the University of Maine at Augusta. The system shall consider the costs associated with establishing a dental therapy program, the demand for a dental therapy program in the State and in the region and any other issues the system considers appropriate.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by November 6, 2024, the University of Maine System shall submit a report that includes, but is not limited to, the findings of and recommended legislation and appropriations requests based on the study and analysis in section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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**CHAPTER 57**

**H.P. 913 - L.D. 1417**

**Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate duplicate licensing visits and surveys. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that its rule under 14-193 C.M.R. Chapter 6: Licensing of Mental Health Facilities avoids, as far as possible, standards that require duplicate licensing visits and surveys of behavioral health agencies and allows instead any equivalent standards by either national or state accrediting or licensing bodies. The rules must ensure that services

are safe and meet quality requirements, license behavioral services by agency and not by service or facility site unless prohibited by federal Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration or other applicable federal requirements and reduce duplication of effort resulting in the least administrative burden on providers as possible. The department shall submit a report, no later than February 15, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with progress meeting the requirements of this resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature if it determines that more legislative action is necessary.

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**CHAPTER 58**

**H.P. 159 - L.D. 238**

**Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19**

**Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority to continue work regarding mortgage assistance. Resolved:** That the Maine State Housing Authority shall continue programs administered by the authority on the effective date of this resolve that provide mortgage assistance to residents of the State, including the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4853, subsection 1 and the State's implementation of the federal Homeowner Assistance Fund program. No later than February 1, 2024, the authority shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its continued work implementing the programs identified in this section and analyzing the effectiveness of those programs in alleviating the financial burdens faced by those suffering the impact of illnesses or other factors related to COVID-19. The committee may report out legislation related to the information provided in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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