

# 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**  
**JUNE 29, 2023**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**OCTOBER 25, 2023**

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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**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$1,200,000	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$800,000	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 30, 2023.

**CHAPTER 91  
H.P. 791 - L.D. 1243**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Secretary of State to Propose a  
State Calendar**

**Sec. 1. State calendar proposal. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall propose a calendar, to be known as "the state calendar," that includes important religious days and holidays of the State's residents and the citizens of the United States. The Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall create the proposed state calendar within existing resources and in consultation with persons representing:

1. The Christian faith;
2. The Muslim faith;
3. The Jewish faith;
4. Other religious traditions practiced in the State;
5. Immigrants in the State;
6. The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations; and
7. The federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. If these tribal governments do not make a unanimous joint recommendation, the Secretary of State may invite members of any of the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State to consult on the creation of the state calendar.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 31, 2024, the Secretary of State shall submit a proposed state calendar created pursuant to section 1 to

the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature adopting a state calendar.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 92  
S.P. 520 - L.D. 1283**

**Resolve, to Reestablish the  
Task Force to Study the  
Creation of a Comprehensive  
Career and Technical  
Education System**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System is reestablished pursuant to this legislation to study the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for students; and

**Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

**Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force consists of 20 members as follows:

1. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:
  - A. Two members of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
  - B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school administrator;

- C. One member who represents a statewide association of career and technical education administrators;
  - D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry; and
  - E. One member who is a principal of a secondary school;
2. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:
- A. Two members of the House of Representatives, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
  - B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school administrator;
  - C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;
  - D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry; and
  - E. One member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit;
3. Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- A. One member who is a Maine Community College System administrator;
  - B. One member who is on a local board of education in a Maine community;
  - C. One member who is an officer of the Maine Education Association;
  - D. Three members who are members of a skilled trades union or representatives of a skilled trades business or industry; and
  - E. One member who is an administrator at the University of Maine System; and
4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force.

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall:

- 1. Examine the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade, including but not limited to the advantages and disadvantages of a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education model, obstacles to implementation of a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education model and other models for comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education that exist around the State and on a national level; and
- 2. Examine increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical education programs, including but not limited to building on prior and current work among the Department of Education, superintendents of school administrative units and career and technical education administrators.

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than January 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 7, 2023.

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**CHAPTER 93**

**H.P. 584 - L.D. 937**

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation establishes the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to study integrating foreign-trained physicians into the health care workforce; and