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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with any recommendations from the ad hoc committee.

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CHAPTER 113

S.P. 482 - L.D. 1186

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Hunting and Fishing Software Application

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a hunting and fishing software application. Resolved: That, within existing resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall develop a software application that a person can download onto the person's electronic device to allow the person to access the department's publicly accessible website pages regarding hunting and fishing information, licenses and permits. The department shall complete development of the application by December 21, 2024 to be used by the public for the 2025 hunting and fishing seasons.

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CHAPTER 114

S.P. 68 - L.D. 129

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

Sec. 1. Allopathic medical school feasibility study. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall study and analyze the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County. In conducting the study, the University of Maine System shall examine and make recommendations regarding:

1. State and national current and future physician workforce supply and distribution data including primary and specialty care fields;
2. Innovative allopathic medical school models, especially those that include partnerships between public universities and nonprofit health care systems;
3. Allopathic medical school enrollment projections;
4. Program content and accreditation standards;

5. Required resources including personnel, classrooms, research and clinical laboratories and equipment, student housing and operating expenses;

6. Capacity in the State to support residency training;

7. Costs associated with establishing and operating a public allopathic medical school and funding models that include state appropriations and tuition revenue;

8. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System policies for creating new programs;

9. The impact of establishing an allopathic medical school on existing education and health-related training programs in the State;

10. Programs to retain graduates to pursue careers in the State, especially in rural primary and specialty care with a focus on underserved areas and populations;

11. Other programs and partnerships to address current and projected needs of a physician workforce; and

12. Opportunities to strengthen health and medical research activities to enhance the health and well-being of residents of the State.

Sec. 2. Coordination; testimony. Resolved: That in conducting the study under section 1, the University of Maine System shall coordinate with a tertiary care hospital medical education program located in Penobscot County and shall solicit the testimony, advice or participation of representatives of the following organizations:

1. The Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of Labor;
2. The Department of Health and Human Services;
3. The State Board of Education;
4. The Veterans Affairs Maine Healthcare System;
5. Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness;
6. A statewide association representing Maine hospitals;
7. A statewide association representing Maine physicians;
8. A statewide association representing Maine primary care providers;
9. A medical center in the State with an education and training partnership with a medical school located outside of the State;
10. A nonprofit community health care network that includes federally qualified health centers; and
11. An osteopathic medical school based in the State.

Sec. 3. Funding. Resolved: That the University of Maine System may apply for and receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to carry out the study as provided in this resolve. The University of Maine System shall disclose their sources of funding as part of the report required in section 4. The University of Maine System is not required under this resolve to undertake work for which it does not have or has not received sufficient funding.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by November 6, 2025, the University of Maine System shall submit a report that includes but is not limited to recommended legislation and appropriations requests based on its study and analysis in sections 1 and 2 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 Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That 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 contract with vendors for the data and analysis required to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000

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**CHAPTER 115
H.P. 294 - L.D. 477**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Education,
Maine School Safety Center to
Convene a Stakeholder Group
to Develop Best Practices for
Lockdown Drills and Active
Shooter Drills and Allowing
Parents to Opt Out of Active
Shooter Drills for Their
Children**

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center shall convene a stakeholder group to develop best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills implemented by school administrative units to

minimize traumatic impact on students and school staff, including but not limited to representatives of:

1. The Maine School Superintendents Association;
2. The Maine School Boards Association;
3. The Maine Principals' Association;
4. The Maine Education Association;
5. The Maine Chiefs of Police Association;
6. The Maine State Parent Teacher Association;
7. The Maine Parent Federation;
8. The Maine School Counselor Association; and
9. The American Academy of Pediatrics, Maine Chapter.

By January 1, 2025, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs on the work of the stakeholder group, specifically regarding the best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and a plan for all school staff to be trained in their school administrative unit's emergency plan prior to January 1, 2026, but also including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the range of lockdown drills and active shooter drills as implemented by public schools at increasing safety, the traumatic impact of lockdown drills and active shooter drills on students and school staff, the number of school administrative units using best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and other strategies to ensure students and school staff are prepared to respond to emergencies, including school shootings. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder group.

Sec. 2. Rule amendment. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall amend its rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, Section 5.17 to allow parents to opt out of active shooter drills for their children. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for staffing and other related costs to support the work of the stakeholder group established to develop best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills implemented by school administrative units to minimize traumatic impact on students and school staff.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$5,000