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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

The department shall establish criteria to award grants to school administrative units. Criteria for awarding grants must include that school administrative units develop programming consistent with the high-quality, evidence-based literacy tenets developed by the department. In awarding grants, the department shall give special consideration to school administrative units serving populations of students with identified reading proficiency achievement gaps, including, but not limited to, reading achievement gaps for economically disadvantaged students and racial and ethnic populations.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2025, the department shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs a report on the awarding of grants and the criteria used to award grants to school administrative units in accordance with section 1. The committee may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to school administrative units to support reading proficiency programming in schools.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

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CHAPTER 123

H.P. 1144 - L.D. 1781

Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services

Sec. 1. Transfer to Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to continue the contract for case management services for the homeless opioid users service engagement pilot project established in Resolve 2019, chapter 105.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to continue case management services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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CHAPTER 124

H.P. 638 - L.D. 1002

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day

Sec. 1. Department of Education to study the school day. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall convene a working group to study the school day. The working group must include, but is not limited to, members representing school administrators from high schools, middle schools and elementary schools, a parent of a student, a student, a mental health clinician, a pediatrician, a school nutritionist and a member representing a statewide association of curriculum leaders. The department shall invite any other stakeholders to participate, as appropriate. The study must be informed by relevant research conducted by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute and the department shall work in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, as appropriate. In studying the school day, the working group shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

1. Statewide, national and international approaches to the school day;
2. Instructional requirements for graduation, including but not limited to instruction in health and physical education, traffic safety education, elements of a firearm hunter safety course and a stand-alone course in personal finance;
3. Educator planning and preparation time;
4. Lunch periods, including but not limited to transit time and time required to eat;

5. Recess periods, including the timing of recess before or after lunch periods, frequency of recess periods and differences in recess periods at each grade level;

6. Electives and allied arts courses;

7. To the extent offered, after-school and extended day programs; and

8. School day start times.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2024, the Department of Education shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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CHAPTER 125

H.P. 654 - L.D. 1018

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing

Sec. 1. Working group to review State Board of Education. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall establish a working group of stakeholders and other interested parties to review adding a teacher to the membership of the State Board of Education as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-C, subsection 1 and the responsibilities, functions and staffing of the State Board of Education. The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs on the findings of the working group by January 15, 2025.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the working group established to review adding a teacher to the membership of the State Board of Education as well as the responsibilities, functions and staffing of the State Board of Education.

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

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$5,000

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CHAPTER 126

H.P. 665 - L.D. 1029

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 15 members as follows:

1. The Secretary of State, or the Secretary of State's designee;
2. The State Historian, or the State Historian's designee;
3. The Chair of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, or the chair's designee;
4. The State Archivist, or the State Archivist's designee;
5. The Director of the Maine State Museum, or the director's designee;
6. The State Librarian, or the State Librarian's designee;
7. A representative of a statewide organization to promote tourism in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
8. A representative of a statewide organization that promotes arts and culture in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
9. A representative of a history museum or historical society, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
10. A representative of a statewide humanities organization that uses humanities as a tool for positive change in the State's communities, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
11. A representative of a statewide organization that promotes and enhances the value of Maine libraries, appointed by the Secretary of State;
12. A representative of the historic preservation profession, appointed by the Secretary of State;
13. A representative of prekindergarten to grade 12 education and adult education, appointed by the Governor;