

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

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

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.

See title page for effective date.

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;