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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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**  
**2024**

The Department of Education shall conduct the reviews within existing resources.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 165  
S.P. 887 - L.D. 2094**

**Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers**

**Sec. 1. Formation of stakeholder group; study. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety shall convene a stakeholder group composed of members as required by section 2 to study long-term solutions to improve the recruitment, retention and wellness of law enforcement officers in the State. The study must include, but is not limited to:

1. An analysis of how to incentivize and encourage the recruitment of law enforcement officers and how funding could be provided to address vacant law enforcement positions;
2. An analysis of how to incentivize and encourage the retention of law enforcement officers and how funding could be provided to support this goal; and
3. An analysis of how to incentivize and encourage mental and physical wellness programs for law enforcement officers and how funding could be provided to support this goal.

**Sec. 2. Stakeholder group membership. Resolved:** That the stakeholder group under section 1 consists of the following 12 members:

1. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
2. An individual representing the Maine Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police;
3. An individual representing the Maine Association of Police;
4. An individual representing a statewide association advocating for state troopers in the State;
5. An individual representing the Maine State Law Enforcement Association;
6. An individual representing the Maine Criminal Justice Academy;
7. An individual representing a coalition of mental health providers in the State who specialize in treating first responders as their sole practice;

8. An individual representing a postsecondary educational institution in the State with programs focused on law enforcement or mental health;

9. An individual representing the Maine Chiefs of Police Association;

10. An individual representing the Maine Sheriffs' Association;

11. A student representing a secondary school program focused on law enforcement education in the State; and

12. An individual representing retired law enforcement officers in the State.

**Sec. 3. Meetings; report. Resolved:** That the Department of Public Safety shall convene the first meeting of the stakeholder group under section 1. At the first meeting, the members of the stakeholder group shall elect a chair and vice-chair to oversee and administer the stakeholder group. The chair shall oversee the meetings of the stakeholder group, and the vice-chair shall assume the role of the chair in the chair's absence. The chair and vice-chair may not be representatives or employees of the department.

The stakeholder group shall develop a report with its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, that address the initiatives of the study in section 1. The Department of Public Safety shall submit the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters no later than January 2, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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**CHAPTER 166  
H.P. 1464 - L.D. 2277**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey by Sale the Interests of the State in 3 Properties Located in Biddeford, Sanford and York**

**Sec. 1. Authority to convey state property. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State, by and through the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," may:

1. Convey by sale all or a portion of the State's interests in the 3 parcels of state property described in section 2, together with the buildings and improvements, all appurtenant rights and easements and all personal

property located on each of the parcels, including vehicles, machinery, equipment and supplies;

2. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any documents necessary to settle any boundary line discrepancies regarding the state property described in section 2;

3. Exercise, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 3, subchapter 3, the power of eminent domain to quiet for all time any possible challenges to ownership of the state property described in section 2;

4. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any easements or other rights that, in the commissioner's discretion, may contribute to the value of a proposed sale of the State's interests in any of the state property described in section 2; and

5. Release any interests in the state property described in section 2 that, in the commissioner's discretion, do not contribute to the value of any remaining state property described in section 2.

The 3 parcels comprising the state property described in section 2 may be conveyed by sale individually or collectively, in the commissioner's discretion.

**Sec. 2. Property interests that may be conveyed. Resolved:** That the state property authorized to be sold is:

1. A parcel or parcels of land, located between Washington and Adams Streets in the City of Biddeford, conveyed by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to the State, acting by and through the judicial branch, by quitclaim deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, Book 18544, Page 272;

2. A parcel or parcels of land, located in Springvale Village in the City of Sanford, conveyed by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to the State, acting by and through the judicial branch, by quitclaim deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, Book 19242, Page 906; and

3. A parcel or parcels of land, located in the Town of York, conveyed by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to the State, acting by and through the judicial branch, by quitclaim deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, Book 18544, Page 275.

**Sec. 3. Property to be sold "as is". Resolved:** That the commissioner may negotiate and execute purchase and sale agreements upon terms the commissioner considers appropriate; however, the state property described in section 2 must be sold "as is," with no representations or warranties. Title must be transferred by quitclaim deed without covenant or release deed and executed by the commissioner.

**Sec. 4. Maine State Housing Authority or local public housing authority. Resolved:** That disposition of the state property described in section 2

must follow the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4754-A. If neither the Maine State Housing Authority nor a local public housing authority exercises the option to purchase one or more of the parcels comprising the state property for residential housing, it must be sold pursuant to section 5.

**Sec. 5. Opinion of value. Resolved:** That, if the state property described in section 2 is not conveyed to the Maine State Housing Authority or one or more local public housing authorities for residential housing pursuant to section 4, the commissioner shall have the current market value of the state property described in section 2 determined by a broker opinion of value and current comparative market analysis. The commissioner may sell the state property described in section 2 directly to a purchaser through a competitive process, list the state property for sale with a private real estate broker or engage an auction company to solicit bids. After evaluating bids or offers, the commissioner may either negotiate the terms of sale, executing deeds and other closing documentation or reject any or all bids or offers.

**Sec. 6. Proceeds. Resolved:** That any proceeds from the sale of the state property described in section 2 must be deposited into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services capital repair and improvement account for capital improvements.

**Sec. 7. Deed covenants. Resolved:** That, if the state property described in section 2 or any portion is transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority or a local public housing authority for residential housing pursuant to section 4, the Maine State Housing Authority or a local public housing authority shall ensure that it is used for that purpose for a minimum of 10 years.

**Sec. 8. Repeal. Resolved:** That this resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.

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**CHAPTER 167**

**H.P. 1397 - L.D. 2182**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education**

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