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pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 and Department of Education rule Chapter 132, each school administrative unit must offer relevant opportunities that may include interactive experiences and allow for direct exposure between students and a variety of career options to help students develop habits of efficacy, resourcefulness and adaptability as the students take steps to create and implement postsecondary school plans.

LD 104 An Act To Protect the Health of Student Athletes by Requiring the Department of Education To Report on the Incidence of Concussions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 12 requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Maine Principals' Association or successor organization, to report annually to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on any available data on the incidence of concussions sustained by student athletes in the State using existing or new data collection systems. The report must include any recommendations on best practices for the collection of concussion data.

LD 127 Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Grants for Professional Development in Computer Science Instruction

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 102 establishes a two-year pilot program to provide grants for professional development in computer science instruction. The funds must be used for high-quality, teacher-developed or teacher-led professional development for kindergarten to grade 12 computer science pedagogy and content, and the Department of Education must report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, no later than January 1, 2023, regarding the pilot program.

Resolve 2021, chapter 102 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 6, 2021.

LD 135 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services To Study a Centralized Billing Process for Developmental and School-based Services Covered by the MaineCare Program and Other Insurers and Report on Updates to the Child Find Process

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 109 directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, to study the development of a centralized billing process for developmental and school-based services covered by the MaineCare program and other

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insurers and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than February 1, 2022.

Resolve 2021, chapter 109 also directs the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than February 1, 2022 on efforts to develop, improve and oversee the statewide child find plan.

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the reports.

Resolve 2021, chapter 109 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 15, 2021.

LD 138 Resolve, Regarding Reading Proficiency Data Analysis

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 3 requires the Department of Education to conduct an analysis of reading assessment measures, locally established benchmarks for reading proficiency, reading achievement data available between spring of 2021 and fall of 2022 and reading instructional programs and resources being used by school administrative units. The analysis must focus on which measures, programs, resources, evidence-based practices and educator supports are yielding student growth. The department must submit two reports to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 1, 2022 and December 1, 2022.

LD 247 Resolve, To Reestablish the Commission To Study College Affordability and College Completion

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 103 does the following.

1. It reestablishes the 2014 Commission To Study College Affordability and College Completion;
2. It directs the commission to:
 - A. Examine and update the Maine college affordability gap analysis conducted as part of the work of the 2014 commission;
 - B. Review average debt incurred by students graduating from community colleges and public universities in the State, the Maine Maritime Academy and private universities in the State with two-year and four-year undergraduate degrees;