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STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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5. Proposing multiple college and career pathways for students to learn and demonstrate their knowledge in the career and technical education setting while creating programs that address the State's critical workforce shortage;
6. Considering new pathways within career and technical education programming;
7. Considering refinements to career and technical education certification; and
8. Using data provided by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to study the career and technical education funding formula.

The Department of Education is required to submit an interim report on the work conducted by the work group to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 15, 2021 and a final report no later than March 15, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation related to either report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 325 An Act To Allow Students Who Experienced Significant Education Interruption as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic To Be Eligible for a Department of Education Diploma

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 61 provides that until September 1, 2023, a 4th-year student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if the student is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because the student experienced a significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and civil emergency during the student's secondary school education history.

Public Law 2021, chapter 61 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2021.

LD 334 An Act To Help Maine Students Catch Up and Keep Up by Providing Remedial and Compensatory Assistance in Response to Education Disruption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 372 does the following.

1. It requires the Maine Community College System to waive tuition and fees for any Maine high school graduate who graduated during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year and is eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. The waiver is limited to the difference between the full cost of tuition and fees and the amount of the grant and is limited to two academic years. The Maine Community College System may request additional federal stimulus funds or General Fund