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LD 651 An Act To Stabilize Student Count in Maine's School Funding Formula

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 428 requires the Department of Education to use a three-year average for pupil counts, if that average is greater than the current two-year average, when a school administrative unit experiences a decrease of 10% or more of total school administrative unit student enrollment in the most recent year.

LD 655 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Survey School Administrative Units and Review the Feasibility of a 30-minute Lunch Period for Students

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 74 directs the Department of Education to conduct a survey of all school administrative units regarding the capacity of each school administrative unit to implement a minimum 30-minute lunch period for all students within each school building and requires the department to report its findings no later than December 1, 2021 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

LD 705 Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Maine's Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 114 directs the Department of Education to amend its rules in Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval and Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects to require standards governing air quality and ventilation for all schools, including schools with mechanical and nonmechanical ventilation systems. It requires these standards to apply to all public schools no earlier than July 1, 2022 and no later than July 1, 2026. It makes the rules adopted major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A and requires the department to present the provisionally adopted rules for final adoption to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 4, 2022.

LD 772 An Act To Permit Naloxone Possession, Prescription, Administration and Distribution in Public and Private Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 115 provides for the administration of naloxone hydrochloride in a noninjectable form to students, school staff and school visitors through collaborative practice agreements between physicians licensed in this State or school health advisors and public and