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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

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private school nurses. If a collaborative practice agreement has not been adopted, the governing body of a school administrative unit or an approved private school may authorize a school nurse or other licensed health care professional whose scope of practice includes administration of naloxone to stock, possess and administer naloxone. Public Law 2021, chapter 115 also specifies that a school administrative unit or approved private school may enter into an arrangement with a manufacturer of naloxone hydrochloride or a 3rd-party supplier to obtain naloxone hydrochloride or a collaborative practice agreement may allow the purchase of naloxone hydrochloride from a pharmacy licensed in this State.

Public Law 2021, chapter 115 requires that by January 1, 2022, and as needed after that date, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, shall develop and make available to all schools guidelines for the management of opioid overdose during school or a school-sponsored activity or otherwise on school grounds.

### **LD 814 Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 55 directs the Maine Community College System to evaluate the unmet need and capacity for expanding workforce training options in Waldo County with the goal of providing additional capacity for training in industries with identified employee shortages. The System is required to examine the following industries and trades: nursing or other medical trade; composite manufacturing; carpentry; electrical trades; milwright trades; and ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration, plumbing and heating.

In the event that the System finds that the need for workforce training exists in any of these industries, the System is directed to assess the best way to increase training and capacity, using the following options: expanding access through Maine Quality Centers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12727; long-distance learning options; and colocation or collaboration with other learning institutions.

The Maine Community College System is required to submit a report with suggested legislation by December 1, 2021 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The report, including suggested legislation, must include but is not limited to: what unmet workforce training needs exist; what industries should be prioritized for expanded workforce training options; the best methods for expanding workforce training options; costs and facility needs for expanding workforce training programming; and a timeline for implementation of expanded workforce training options.

The Committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.