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9. The Attorney General may intervene at any stage of the privatization process and has the authority to bring an action to prevent or enjoin privatization in appropriate cases.

Public Law 2021, chapter 332 also establishes the State Procurement Review Committee to oversee requests for proposals, contracts and grants and renewals, extensions, amendments and other alterations to existing contracts and grants valued over \$1,000,000. The Office of the Attorney General must be consulted when the value equals or exceeds \$3,000,000.

LD 1010 An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 155 establishes the Maine Service Fellows Program under the Maine Commission for Community Service. The commission is directed to design and implement the program in a manner that will increase the opportunities for citizens to devote a year of service to Maine communities; attract to and retain in Maine motivated adults who have completed a college degree within the prior five years to apply their skills and abilities to projects for the benefit of Maine citizens; provide rural and underserved Maine communities a resource to address critical health and human, public safety, education and environmental needs; and strengthen civic engagement of both the program participants and community residents through solutions based, in whole or in part in volunteer service. The commission is also required to establish an advisory committee to guide the launch of the program and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters no later than January 30, 2024.

LD 1034 An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations and To Establish Staffing For The Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 436 provides legislative per diem compensation and expense reimbursement to the members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations. It establishes the position of executive director of the commission and authorizes the director to hire appropriate staff to support the work of the commission. It allocates funds to support the newly created positions and to support the work of the commission.

LD 1042 An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 262 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to inventory all state-owned buildings where state employees perform job duties to determine the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may

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be harmful to human health. It requires property owners of buildings leased to the State to conduct a similar inventory and report the results to the bureau. The law requires the bureau to establish and maintain a database containing the results of the inventories and make the database readily accessible electronically to employee collective bargaining agents, employees working in state office buildings with asbestos, lead, black mold or other substances that may be harmful to human health, individuals who perform maintenance, repair or custodial services, firefighters, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. It requires the database to be consulted before maintenance of or repair to a state-owned building by a state employee and the provision of protective gear to the employee if appropriate. The department may adopt rules to implement these requirements and is required to submit a biennial report to the joint standing committee regarding the conditions of the buildings.

LD 1065 An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 202 clarifies that a candidate for county sheriff must either be currently certified as a law enforcement officer and in compliance with the training requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2804-C or be a previously certified law enforcement officer who agrees to meet the requirements of Title 25, section 2804-C within one year of taking office. It requires all county sheriffs to continually meet the in-service law enforcement training standards under Title 25, section 2804-E and any other statutory requirements of preservice, basic or in-service law enforcement training required for certification or continued certification as a law enforcement officer. It provides that a full-time law enforcement officer employed by a municipal police department or state agency, before July 1, 1990 is deemed to have met the minimum qualifications for county sheriff candidates.

LD 1123 An Act To Authorize a Monument to the Victims of and First Responders to COVID-19

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 475 permits the State House and Capitol Park Commission to arrange for a monument honoring the victims of and first responders to the COVID-19 pandemic to be placed on the exterior grounds of the State House. It requires the commission to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the status of the commission's work by January 31, 2022, including the commission's efforts in soliciting artistic designs for the monument. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature on the subject matter of the report.