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LD 1050 An Act Regarding the Duties of School Boards Pursuant to the Laws Governing Attendance at Elementary and Secondary Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 157 specifies that school boards must adopt policies to carry out the laws governing attendance at elementary and secondary schools, but provides that any rules that were adopted by school boards regarding attendance at elementary and secondary schools pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5003 prior to the effective date of this legislation are deemed to be policies under that section.

LD 1072 An Act Regarding Career and Technical Education, Adult Education and Memoranda of Understanding with Community Colleges and the University of Maine System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 237 provides that a career and technical education center or region and an adult education program may enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community college of the Maine Community College System or a university of the University of Maine System. A memorandum of understanding entered into under this new provision must include how the career and technical education center or region or the adult education program will align the schedules with the community college or university and provide that students who successfully complete a course at the community college or university are awarded college credit. Public Law 2021, chapter 237 also provides that funding for career and technical education students and adult education students attending courses at a community college or university may be provided through the Department of Education under existing programs.

LD 1152 Resolve, To Require Maine Postsecondary Educational Institutions To Review the Level of Student Debt and Develop Plans To Limit Student Debt

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 79 requires postsecondary educational institutions in this State to review the level of student debt at their institutions and develop plans to:

1. Limit student debt to the maximum allowable federal direct subsidized and direct unsubsidized loans over a four-year period;
2. Eliminate the gap in funding that exists between the expected family contribution and the sum of the average financial aid award provided to a student by the postsecondary educational institution, with reference to the affordability gap analysis conducted for the Commission To Study College Affordability and College Completion established by Resolve 2013, chapter 10; and