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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

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3. Meet the financial need of their students in their financial aid awards.

Postsecondary educational institutions are required to summarize in detail the results of their review, including best practices and recommendations for reform, and report the results of their review to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 1, 2021. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation related to the reports to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

### **LD 1172 An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 180 temporarily waives, during the 2021-22 school year, the requirement that school administrative units evaluate the performance of teachers and principals. Teachers in the 2nd year of a probationary period are not included in the waiver created by this law.

### **LD 1188 An Act To Include Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 441 adds career and technical education teachers to the list of educators subject to the minimum \$40,000 salary requirement. It also requires the Department of Education to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the status of the salary initiative. The report must include verification that all professions intended to be included in the initiative are in fact included. If the department identifies any areas of deficiency, its report to the committee must include a plan for remediation. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the department's report in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Public Law 2021, chapter 441 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2021.

### **LD 1189 An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 228 makes changes to the statutes governing teacher certification as follows.

1. It amends the definition of "educational specialist".
2. It creates a new emergency teacher certificate and reciprocal professional certificate.