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#### JOINT STANDING COMMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LD 1206 An Act Regarding the Terms of Office of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 496 amends the terms of service of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission to provide that these officers serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities effective on and retroactive to January 1, 2021, but exempts any of these officers who were appointed before January 1, 2021 from this change.

# LD 1207 Resolve, Regarding Education Technician III Certification for Students at Eastern Maine Community College

# **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 156 provides that, notwithstanding certain requirements in State Board of Education rule Chapter 115, The Credentialing of Education Personnel, the Commissioner of Education may certify an applicant as an Education Technician III if the applicant completes the Learning Facilitator Program at Eastern Maine Community College in 2021, 2022 or 2023, receives emergency educational technician certification and meets all other eligibility requirements. An individual who receives this certification is not eligible for an emergency teacher certificate.

### LD 1389 An Act To Improve Maritime Education in Maine

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 565 provides that all powers, duties and authority of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, also known as the Maine Ocean School, terminate 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Public Law 2021, chapter 565 also directs the Maine Ocean School to transition from a public magnet school to an educational program focused on marine-related science, technology, engineering and mathematics by that date. In providing for that transition, the Maine Ocean School is required to develop a new funding model to support the program; develop a new supervisory model for the program, which may include agreements to assist the transition to that new supervisory model; design the program to operate regionally and accept students at the program's physical location and through remote, virtual or distance-based learning for students attending from the local region and throughout the State; and identify potential grant funding to support the program and any other funding from federal and private sources. The Maine Ocean School is also required to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over