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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

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education and cultural affairs no later than January 15, 2023 on the progress toward the transition to the program-based model, including suggested legislation necessary to finalize the transition. The committee may report out legislation based on the report.

LD 1632 An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 646 updates the chapter of law governing the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf as follows.

1. It establishes the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf as a deaf and hard-of-hearing service provider, referred to as "the center," encompassing the Mackworth Island preschool, located at Mackworth Island, as an integrated preschool program for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and typically developing children, early intervention services that include deaf and hard-of-hearing related services delivered to children from birth to under three years of age who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and statewide education and family services that are provided to schools throughout the State by staff employed through the center including, but not limited to, site-based programs, consultation, evaluation and specially designed instruction.
2. It revises the definitions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 304 to reflect the change from a school to a deaf and hard-of-hearing service provider, including but not limited to updating the definitions of "center," "sending school," "statewide education and family services" and "Mackworth Island preschool," removing definitions that are no longer needed and adding new definitions for "site-based program," "early intervention and family services program," "room and board," "host school" and "504 plan."
3. It repeals the section of law that governs the school programs operated by Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and satellite school programs.
4. It amends the provision of law governing funding and tuition for the Mackworth Island preschool and site-based programs.
5. It repeals the section of law governing student placement, state and federal educational services requirements and technical assistance and in new sections provides for the student placement and state and federal services requirements and technical assistance for early intervention services, federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 1419 services, statewide education and family services and the Mackworth Island preschool and site-based programs, as appropriate.