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LD 1802 An Act To Amend the Requirements of the Reorganization Plan for the Formation of Regional School Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 537 provides that the Commissioner of Education may approve a school administrative unit's proposed reorganization plan for consolidation into a regional school unit if the plan provides comprehensive programming:

1. For all students from grade 9 to grade 12 within the regional school unit, with programming for students from kindergarten to grade 8 provided by the separate school administrative units;
2. For all students from kindergarten to grade 8 within the regional school unit, with programming for students from grade 9 to grade 12 provided by either operating a school or contracting for school privileges pursuant to chapter 115; or
3. For all students in a grade configuration that meets the needs of the students from the municipalities that make up the regional school unit, with programming for all other students provided by either operating a school or contracting for school privileges pursuant to chapter 115.

Public Law 2021, chapter 537 also repeals a provision that provided an additional exception to the size requirements for a proposed reorganization plan for consolidation into a regional school unit for students in an isolated rural community that is no longer necessary.

LD 1816 An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 722 directs the University of Maine System to establish a labor and community education center at the University of Southern Maine focused on providing lifelong community-based labor education, research and outreach and provides ongoing funds to establish the center.

LD 1838 An Act To Improve Student Access to Postsecondary School Transcripts and Diplomas

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 538 provides that, upon the request of a current or former student, a two-year postsecondary educational institution or four-year postsecondary educational institution is required to provide that student's transcript or diploma and may not condition the release of the transcript or diploma on an agreement to a repayment plan unless the student owes a debt of \$500