

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

or more at a two-year postsecondary educational institution or \$2,500 or more at a four-year postsecondary educational institution. If a student is required to agree to a repayment plan, the postsecondary educational institution must provide the student with the right to appeal the terms of the repayment plan and collect data on the reason for the request for the release of the transcript or diploma, including but not limited to a job application, a transfer to another institution, an application for financial aid, pursuit of opportunities in the military or National Guard or pursuit of other postsecondary educational opportunities. A postsecondary educational institution may not require a student to make a payment on a repayment plan prior to releasing the transcript or diploma.

Public Law 2021, chapter 538 also requires postsecondary educational institutions to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on requests for and the release of transcripts and diplomas.

### **LD 1845 An Act To Amend the Education Statutes**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 571 makes the following technical changes to the law governing primary and secondary education.

1. It changes the name of and references to restructuring schools to innovative schools.
2. It clarifies that schools that offer public preschool programs must demonstrate curriculum practice for those programs that implements the Maine early learning and development (MELD) standards established by the Department of Education.
3. It updates the name of the system used for teaching mathematical notation to students who are blind and the definition of Braille in regard to educating students who are blind.
4. It clarifies the general requirements for secondary school programs, including program length and diploma requirements.
5. It updates a reference to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.
6. It updates compliance and information requirements for career and technical education regions.
7. It removes outdated language relevant to previous years' calculations of the school funding formula, system administration allocations and bus purchase costs.
8. It updates the definition of property fiscal capacity.