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LD 1870 An Act Regarding the Maine School Safety Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 542 details the purposes of the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center, requires the center to work collaboratively with all appropriate stakeholders in furtherance of its purposes and outlines the services that the Center is responsible for providing to schools in the State.

LD 1880 Resolve, Directing the Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Committee To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Study Equity in and Access to Early College Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 169 directs the Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Committee, in collaboration with the Maine Independent Colleges Association and the Department of Education, to convene a stakeholder group to study a comprehensive approach on equity in and access to the State's early college programs. The stakeholder group is required to present a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than February 1, 2023 on its findings and recommendations, and the joint standing committee may report out legislation to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

Resolve 2021, chapter 169 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 26, 2022.

LD 1893 An Act Regarding the Use of a Student Athlete's Name, Image, Likeness or Autograph

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 544 prohibits a college or university from preventing a student athlete from making certain contracts regarding or earning money from the use of the student athlete's name, image or likeness or providing compensation for a prospective student athlete's name, image or likeness and permits the student athlete to earn compensation from the sale of the student athlete's autograph. It also prohibits a group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics from preventing a college or university from participating in intercollegiate athletics in this State as a result of student athletes at the college or university earning compensation for the use of their name, image or likeness.

Public Law 2021, chapter 544 also provides that a college or university may not disqualify a student athlete who is participating in an intercollegiate athletic program at a college or university from receiving a full, athletic-based scholarship awarded by the college or university because the student is earning compensation or has obtained professional representation related to the use of the student's name, image or likeness and clarifies that the provisions of the bill may not be

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construed to limit a college or university from adopting or enforcing a policy, requirement, standard or limitation that establishes conditions by which a student athlete may monetize the student athlete's name, image or likeness, including prohibitions on a student athlete's use of a college or university trademark, logo or facility and a student athlete's use of the student athlete's name, image or likeness in a manner that is inconsistent with a college or university code of conduct or other college or university policy.

LD 1902 Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 178 establishes the Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program as a three-year pilot program within the Department of Education to provide grants for professional development for educators on climate science and to support the preparation of courses on interdisciplinary climate education and provides one-time funds for grants to school districts to partner with nonprofit community-based organizations to create and implement plans to provide teacher training in next generation science standards and interdisciplinary climate education.

LD 1924 An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 26 requires the University of Maine System to establish a rural practice clinic in Aroostook County as a three-year pilot project of the legal aid clinic of the University of Maine School of Law, currently known as the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, and requires the University of Maine System to report back on the pilot project with an interim report no later than January 15, 2024 and a final report no later than January 15, 2025.

LD 1931 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 139 authorizes final adoption of Rule Chapter 40: Rule for Medication Administration in Maine Schools, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education and allows any grammatical, formatting, punctuation and other technical, nonsubstantive editing changes to the rule as necessary prior to final adoption of the rule as authorized by the resolve.

Resolve 2021, chapter 139 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2022.