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LD 758 Resolve, to Conduct a Study to Update Flood Hazard Data in the Sandy River Watershed

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 42 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine Geological Survey, in coordination with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and relevant state agencies, to contract for a geomorphic study within the Sandy River watershed to update flood hazard data within the watershed. The study must include an assessment of river movement, erosion and sedimentation and the impacts of those factors on flood risk and river health and provide information about flood risks and management options to individuals who reside within the Sandy River watershed or the watersheds of similar river systems. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in collaboration with relevant state agencies, is required to seek funding to support the costs of the study.

LD 895 An Act to Support Immersive Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 84 establishes the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program to provide immersive outdoor education to serve students enrolled in grade 4 to grade 8 in the State. It also establishes the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program Fund within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service. The law requires an outdoor education program provider to comply with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 927 regarding licensed guides, youth camp trip leaders or educational trip leaders, as appropriate. The law also clarifies that the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service is not required to provide grants to implement the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program, develop an evaluation and longitudinal study on current and future demographics of students participating in the program, convene an advisory committee or provide any other services for which the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service does not have sufficient funding.

Public Law 2025, chapter 895 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2025.

LD 932 An Act to Require the Issuance of Maine Agricultural Fair Licenses Every 4 Years

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 51 changes the term of issuance for an agricultural fair license from three years to four years.

Public Law 2025, chapter 51 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2025.