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committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than January 1, 2029.

LD 1327 Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study Student Teacher Compensation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 88 directs the University of Maine System to convene a stakeholder group to study the development of a compensation structure for student teaching in the State. The University of Maine System is required to submit a report on the findings of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by November 6, 2025.

LD 1332 An Act to Establish the Community Schools Success Fund to Ensure the Implementation and Success of Community Schools Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 410 establishes the Community Schools Success Fund, a nonlapsing fund within the Department of Education, to provide grants to community schools, local education providers, school administrative units that have begun developing community school plans and nonprofit organizations to support community school programming.

LD 1404 Resolve, to Create a Working Group on the Status of School Libraries and on Public Libraries in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 117 directs the State Librarian to convene a working group on the status of school libraries and public libraries in the State. The working group is required to study:

- 1. Library services for specific segments of the Maine population;
- 2. The role that libraries play in emergency preparedness; cultural diversity and inclusion; public health and safety; community identity and resiliency; and economic development; and
- 3. Access to public services and resources; and the current overall status of school and public libraries in the State, including information on partnerships, resources, facilities, technology and staffing.

The State Librarian is required to submit a report of the working group's findings and recommendations by November 1, 2027 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having