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LD 1571 An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and Standards for Reissuance of Educational Technician Certificates

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public law 2025, chapter 423 requires that, beginning August 1, 2026, a full-time teacher in a public charter school must hold an appropriate teaching certificate. It also provides that, beginning August 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Education may reissue an educational technician certificate to a person who has been receiving a retirement benefit from the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program for no more than three years and whose lapsed certificate has been in good standing.

LD 1648 Resolve, to Honor Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain in the National Statuary Hall Collection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Maine currently has on display in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. a statue of Hannibal Hamlin and a statue of William King. Resolve 2025, chapter 71 requires the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine State Museum Commission and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to request of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library that the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and William King be replaced with statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain. If approval is granted, the commissions are required to replace the statues and move the Hamlin and King statues to the State House or the grounds of the State House.

The commissions shall accept private gifts, grants and donations from individuals and organizations to fund the costs of replacing the statues of Hannibal Hamlin and William King in the National Statuary Hall Collection with the statues of Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain and to transport and display those statues within public view within the State House or, if feasible, on the grounds of the State House.

The resolve authorizes the commissions to contract with one or more entities to complete the statue replacement and relocation under the resolve.

LD 1653 An Act to Develop Maine's Credentialed Workforce

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 324 establishes within the Finance Authority of Maine the Maine Credentialed Workforce Program to support the credentialing needs of current and future participants in the State's workforce through student loan repayments to eligible persons who are employed in occupations identified by the authority as needing skilled workers.