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LD 1701 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Study the Maine Learning Results

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 76 directs the Department of Education to convene a working group to study the State's system of learning results, referred to as the Maine learning results. The study must include, but is not limited to, a review of the purpose of the Maine learning results and the system's efficacy in achieving that purpose; an examination of its structure, organization and accessibility; an assessment of the inclusion, accuracy and representation of diverse cultures, communities and traditions across all content areas; and a review of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209. The department is required to submit an interim report of the working group's progress and initial findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2026. A final report must be submitted by the department no later than February 1, 2027 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.

LD 1718 An Act to Establish the Maine Charter School Commission as a Public Instrumentality of the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 320 establishes the Maine Charter School Commission as a public body corporate and politic and an incorporated public instrumentality of the State.

LD 1858 An Act to Promote Local Seafood in Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 301 amends the Local Foods Fund within the Department of Education to require the fund to be used to match \$1 for every \$2 a school administrative unit pays for food, including seafood, from a farmer, person who fishes commercially, aquaculture farmer, farmers' cooperative, aquaculture farmers' cooperative, local food hub, local food processor or food service distributor in the State. It changes the maximum state contribution from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2025-26 and subsequent years and from \$5,500 to \$11,000 per school administrative unit if funding is received and the school administrative unit sends a food service employee to a local foods training administered by the department. The law also allows for unexpended balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year to be used for training and materials related to the Local Foods Fund programs. The law also allows for the local foods training program funds to be used to contract with a third-party entity to provide training. The law also requires the department to collect data on the usage of the Local Foods Fund and the local foods training program and to report annually to the Legislature beginning January 1, 2026.