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convene a stakeholder group to provide input on statewide goals for adult education, funding priorities and statewide program improvements.

Public Law 2025, chapter 722 prohibits the department from distributing funding attributable to adult education programs through a school administrative unit starting in fiscal year 2027-28. The department must distribute all funding associated with college transition programs directly to adult education programs through the subsidy outlined in Title 20-A, section 8607-A.

LD 1992 An Act to Create a Process for the Residents of a Municipality to Withdraw from a School Union

Public Law 2025, chapter 548 allows the residents of a participating municipality of a school administrative unit within a school union to petition and vote to withdraw from the school union in the same manner as a single municipality may withdraw from a regional school unit.

LD 2003 An Act to Improve Localization of Emergency Broadcast Messaging

Public Law 2025, chapter 725 requires the State Controller to transfer funds from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The law also provides $600,000 in one-time funds in fiscal year 2026-27 to enable localization of public safety information and emergency alert messaging on the statewide radio network operated by Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

LD 2008 An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

Public Law 2025, chapter 726 provides one-time funds of $300,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for infrastructure upgrades to the school's dormitory.

LD 2015 An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies

Public Law 2025, chapter 626 requires the superintendent of a school administrative unit to report to the commissioner of education annually the number and type of the unit's vacant teacher and educational technician positions. The law also provides that activities undertaken by the department using data reported to the commissioner of education related to teacher and educational technician vacancies must be done within existing resources.