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### **An Act to Support the Implementation of Learning Standards and Results in Public Schools**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and  
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DODGE of Belfast, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard  
Beach, MITCHELL of Cumberland, MOONEN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough,  
SARGENT of York.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§18-H is enacted to read:

3 **18-H.**

4 <u>Education</u>	<u>Learning Results Implementation</u>	<u>Not Authorized</u>	<u>20-A MRSA</u>
5	<u>Advisory Committee</u>		<u>§14</u>

6 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §14 is enacted to read:

7 **§14. Learning Results Implementation Advisory Committee**

8 **1. Learning Results Implementation Advisory Committee.** The Learning Results  
9 Implementation Advisory Committee, referred to in this section as "the committee," is  
10 established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 18-H to make recommendations to the  
11 department on the development of curricula, resources and staff training related to the  
12 implementation of learning results in the State.

13 **2. Membership and staffing.** The committee is composed of 10 members appointed  
14 by the commissioner. The commissioner shall endeavor to appoint members who represent  
15 the racial and ethnic populations in subsection 3, paragraph A. The chair of the committee  
16 must be elected from among the committee membership by the members of the committee.  
17 The department shall staff at least one position to provide administrative support to the  
18 committee.

19 **3. Duties of committee.** The committee:

20 A. Shall make recommendations to the department regarding the development of  
21 curricula, resources and staff training related to the study of the history and culture of  
22 racial and ethnic populations in the State. Racial and ethnic populations to be the  
23 subject of study under this section include, but are not limited to, Wabanaki, African  
24 American, Asian American, Hispanic, Franco-American and Jewish populations;

25 B. Shall make recommendations to the department regarding the development of  
26 curricula, resources and staff training related to financial literacy, civics and health  
27 care;

28 C. May recommend to the department topics to be measured by learning indicators or  
29 adjust learning indicators to reflect best practices. For purposes of this paragraph,  
30 "learning indicator" means a process to measure and analyze the effectiveness and  
31 ability of a learner to engage and progress within a learning environment;

32 D. Shall include in the recommendations under paragraphs A, B and C the use of the  
33 department's online, open-source education platform that provides optional resources  
34 at no cost to educators in the State on topic areas and themes identified as areas of need  
35 by educators; and

36 E. Shall assist the department in developing program guidelines for the distribution of  
37 grants under subsection 4.

38 **4. Grants.** The department shall establish a program to provide grants to school  
39 administrative units and nonprofit organizations to implement programming and learning  
40 activities based upon the recommendations of the committee under subsection 3 and other  
41 learning results activities determined by the department.

1       **5. Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section.  
2       Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter  
3       375, subchapter 2-A.

4       **Sec. 3. Commissioner of Education to form committee.** By January 15, 2026,  
5       the Commissioner of Education shall make the appointments to the Learning Results  
6       Implementation Advisory Committee under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,  
7       section 14 and convene the first meeting of the committee.

8       **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
9       allocations are made.

10       **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

11       **Learning Results Implementation Activities N516**

12       Initiative: Provides one-time funds in fiscal year 2026-27 only for grants to implement  
13       certain programs and learning activities.

14 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
15       All Other	\$0	\$500,000
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17       GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$500,000

18       **Learning Results Implementation Activities N516**

19       Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one half-time Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist  
20       position to support the work of a learning results implementation advisory committee in  
21       implementing certain programs and learning activities.

22 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
23       POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
24       Personal Services	\$60,861	\$84,758
25       All Other	\$7,058	\$9,410
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27       GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$67,919	<hr/> \$94,168

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29       **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**  
30       **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

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32 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$67,919</b>	<b>\$594,168</b>
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34 <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <b>\$67,919</b>	<hr/> <b>\$594,168</b>

35       **SUMMARY**

36       This bill creates the Learning Results Implementation Advisory Committee within the  
37       Department of Education to make recommendations on curricula, resources and staff  
38       training related to the study of racial and ethnic studies, financial literacy, civics and health  
39       care and to make recommendations on topics to be measured by learning indicators or to  
40       adjust learning indicators to reflect best practices. The bill appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal  
41       year 2026-27 to provide grants to school administrative units and nonprofits to implement  
42       programs and learning activities based upon the committee's recommendation and

1 appropriates funds for an Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position. The bill also  
2 directs the committee to include in the committee's recommendations the use of the  
3 department's online, open-source education platform that provides optional resources at no  
4 cost to educators in the State on topic areas and themes identified as areas of need by  
5 educators.