

STATE OF MAINE
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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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	LD 1282	An Act Regarding Eligibility for Historic Preservation Bond Proceeds	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1614	Resolve, to Facilitate the Ability of the Maine State Museum to Acquire and Preserve Special Collections	ONTP

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Enacted**

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LD 339	Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District to Develop a Wabanaki-centered Curriculum	Minority (ONTP) Report
LD 543	An Act to Enhance Maine's Wildlife Conservation Efforts and Preserve Maine's Sporting Heritage by Requiring Hunter Safety Education in Schools	ONTP
LD 660	An Act to Provide Transparency and Public Access to Public School Curricula	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 919	An Act to Require Parental Permission for Certain Surveys and Questionnaires Administered to Minors in Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 957	An Act to Integrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History into the Statewide System of Learning Results	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1069	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Personal Finance Course Offerings in Maine Schools and Convene a Working Group of Relevant Stakeholders	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1202	An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Provide Funding to Support African American Studies	CARRIED OVER
LD 1395	An Act Regarding Human Trafficking Prevention Instruction and Dissemination of and Access to Obscene Material in Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1474	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	CARRIED OVER
LD 1482	An Act to Require Education Regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Other Allied Communities	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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	LD 323	An Act to Fund Staff Support for the State Board of Education	CARRIED OVER
	LD 324	An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities	HELD BY GOVERNOR
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	LD 437	An Act Directing the Department of Education to Develop Pilot Programs to Place Child Care Facilities in Selected School Administrative Units	CARRIED OVER
	LD 470	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 701	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on Financial Literacy Education in the System of Learning Results	ONTP

LD 1069	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Personal Finance Course Offerings in Maine Schools and Convene a Working Group of Relevant Stakeholders	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1097	Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1098	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review the Use of Abbreviated School Days	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1202	An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Provide Funding to Support African American Studies	CARRIED OVER
LD 1474	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	CARRIED OVER
LD 1495	An Act to Make the Professional Standards Board Responsible for the Educator Certification Process	ONTP

Early Childhood and Public Preschool Programs

Not Enacted	LD 437	An Act Directing the Department of Education to Develop Pilot Programs to Place Child Care Facilities in Selected School Administrative Units	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1689	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education	ONTP

Education - Other

Enacted	LD 384	An Act to Prevent Student Homelessness	PUBLIC 453
	LD 974	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Improve High School Graduation Rates and Review Policies Related to Graduation Rate Data	RESOLVE 75
Not Enacted	LD 81	An Act to Foster Innovation in Maine Schools by Updating the Requirements of School Innovation Waivers	ONTP
	LD 281	An Act to Provide Support for Certain Maine Discovery Museum Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Educational Programming Throughout the State	CARRIED OVER
	LD 295	An Act Regarding Education	CARRIED OVER
	LD 354	An Act to Improve Education in Maine	CARRIED OVER

LD 360	An Act Supporting the Dirigo Reads Literacy Program	ONTP
LD 361	An Act to Support the Francis Malcolm Science Center	CARRIED OVER
LD 673	An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low-income and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units	ONTP
LD 823	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Programs	CARRIED OVER
LD 927	An Act to Require Chaplains in School Administrative Units	ONTP
LD 973	An Act to Establish the Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1740	An Act to Establish the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Education Matching Grant Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1753	An Act to Establish the Upper St. John Valley Recovery High School Program	ONTP

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Not Enacted	LD 218	An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances	Died Between Houses
	LD 512	An Act to Provide Educational Opportunities for Students in Secondary Schools with 200 or Fewer Students	Majority (ONTP) Report
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	LD 1588	An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1719	An Act Regarding Superintendent Agreements for Transfer Students	Died Between Houses

LD 1760	An Act to Promote Public Education in Maine by Amending the Laws Governing Student Transfers	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Essential Programs and Services and School Finance

Enacted	LD 318	Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute and the Department of Education to Recommend Changes to the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula	RESOLVE 84
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	LD 181	An Act to Modify the Calculation of Pupil Counts Used for Determination of School Administrative Unit Operating Costs	ONTP
	LD 193	An Act to Fund Students in Maine Schools Who Are Experiencing Homelessness	ONTP
	LD 501	An Act to Fairly Fund School Administrative Units for Economically Disadvantaged Students	ONTP
	LD 933	An Act to Increase to 100 Percent the State Share of Funding for Special Education Costs of All School Administrative Units	ONTP
	LD 1398	An Act Regarding Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools	ONTP

Extracurricular Programs and Activities

Not Enacted	LD 734	An Act to Promote Voter Registration for Students in Maine's High Schools	ONTP
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Firearms

Not Enacted	LD 525	An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances	Died Between Houses
	LD 885	An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property	Majority (ONTP) Report

Health, Nutrition and Safety

Enacted	LD 211	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Communicate to School Administrative Units and Private Schools the Importance of Adopting Seizure Action Plans	RESOLVE 72
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 1858	An Act to Promote Local Seafood in Schools	PUBLIC 301
LD 155	An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 168	An Act to Improve Safety in Public Schools by Requiring Silent Electronic Notification Systems in Classrooms	ONTP
LD 217	An Act to Require Schools to Provide Access to Free Condoms for Students in Grades 9 to 12 in the School Nurse's Office	ONTP
LD 577	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding and Protect Maine's School Meals Programs	CARRIED OVER
LD 587	An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 776	An Act to Provide Free School Lunches to Special Purpose Private Schools That Receive Students from the Public School System	ONTP
LD 808	An Act to Require School Boards and Governing Bodies of Approved Private Schools to Implement Wearable Panic Alert Systems	ONTP
LD 828	An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Be Designated as School Health Advisors	Died Between Houses
LD 858	An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1071	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Review of the Implementation of Public Law 2021, Chapter 295 and Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Consult with School Administrators Regarding Developing a Plan for Community-based Crisis Receiving Centers	ONTP
LD 1123	An Act to Provide Funding for MaineCare-related Services for Public Schools	CARRIED OVER
LD 1203	An Act to Provide Grants to Schools That Contract for Behavioral and Mental Health Services	ONTP
LD 1256	An Act to Support Healthy Meal Programs in Maine Schools by Allowing the School Revolving Renovation Fund to Make Loans to Repair and Renovate School Kitchens and Cafeterias	ONTP
LD 1461	An Act to Prohibit School Boards from Implementing or Enforcing Mask Mandates	Majority (ONTP) Report

High School Diplomas and Graduation Requirements

Enacted	LD 628	An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma	PUBLIC 312
Not Enacted	LD 315	An Act to Add a Personal Finance Course to the State Graduation Requirements in High Schools	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 370	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Secondary School Mathematics Requirements	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Immunization

Not Enacted	LD 174	An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 727	An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools	Majority (ONTP) Report

Magnet Schools

Enacted	LD 787	An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	PUBLIC 464
Not Enacted	LD 1011	An Act to Change the Residency Requirements for State Funding for Student Tuition at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Majority (ONTP) Report

Postsecondary Education - General

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	LD 1327	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study Student Teacher Compensation	RESOLVE 88
Not Enacted	LD 377	An Act to Establish a University of Maine Medical School and to Dedicate Funds from Raising the Cigarette Tax to the School	ONTP
	LD 642	An Act to Provide Students in the University of Maine System Who Are Parents or Pregnant Individuals Priority Registration for Courses	ONTP
	LD 736	An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy	ONTP

LD 988	An Act to Allow Hunting on University of Maine System Property	ONTP
LD 1162	Resolve, to Establish a Hybrid Juris Doctor Program at the University of Maine School of Law to Address Access to Justice in Rural Maine	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1285	An Act to Prohibit the Consideration of Legacy Preferences or Donor Preferences in Postsecondary Educational Institution Admissions	ONTP
LD 1558	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1833	An Act to Expand Law Education and Training by Creating a Night Law School Program	ONTP

Postsecondary Education Finance and Student Aid

Enacted

LD 98	An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program	PUBLIC 58
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LD 722	Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the Status of Funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program	RESOLVE 34
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Not Enacted

LD 46	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	HELD BY GOVERNOR
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LD 457	An Act to Fund Climate Resiliency Projects Related to the Repair of Campus Infrastructure Used for Active Transportation and Outdoor Recreation	CARRIED OVER
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LD 680	An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges	ONTP
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LD 681	An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State	CARRIED OVER
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LD 696	An Act to Bolster the Maine Teacher Residency Program	CARRIED OVER
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LD 700	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Awarding Waivers of Tuition and Fees to Eligible Students	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1118	An Act to Establish a Permanent Free Community College Program for Maine	ONTP
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LD 1219	An Act to Increase State Funding for the Campuses of the University of Maine System	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1255	An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State and to Amend Eligibility Requirements for the Free Community College Tuition Program	Died Between Houses
LD 1533	An Act to Ensure the Retention of R1 Research Institution Status by the University of Maine	ONTP
LD 1759	An Act to Allow Firefighters to Be Eligible for State College Funding	Majority (ONTP) Report

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**Not
Enacted**

LD 198	An Act to Prohibit the University of Maine System Campus Police from Issuing a Citation or Summons Related to a Parking Violation to a Visitor of the University of Maine System	ONTP
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**Not
Enacted**

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LD 482	An Act to Expand Educational Opportunities and Broaden Educational Services for Students Enrolled in Equivalent Instruction Programs	Majority (ONTP) Report

Public Charter Schools and School Choice

Enacted

LD 1571	An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and Standards for Reissuance of Educational Technician Certificates	PUBLIC 423
LD 1718	An Act to Establish the Maine Charter School Commission as a Public Instrumentality of the State	PUBLIC 320

**Not
Enacted**

LD 220	An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program in Order to Provide Funding for Students Attending Certain Private Schools and Students Receiving Home Instruction	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 282	An Act to Raise the Limit on the Total Number of Public Charter Schools	ONTP
LD 482	An Act to Expand Educational Opportunities and Broaden Educational Services for Students Enrolled in Equivalent Instruction Programs	Majority (ONTP) Report

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Enacted	LD 21	An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response	PUBLIC 125
	LD 1248	An Act Regarding Physical Escort and Restraint and Seclusion of Students in Schools	PUBLIC 266
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	LD 1076	An Act to Hire School Security Officers to Protect Students and Make Schools Safer	ONTP
	LD 1097	Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention	HELD BY GOVERNOR

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Not Enacted	LD 513	An Act to Allow the Spouse of a School Board Member to Serve as a Stipend Employee Within the School Board's Jurisdiction	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 817	An Act to Remove Restrictions That Prohibit School Administrative Units from Making Purchases Through Cooperatives	ONTP
	LD 1271	An Act to Make Permanent the Law Allowing School Boards to Accept the Volunteer Services of Immediate Family Members of Superintendents or School Board Members	ONTP
	LD 1518	An Act to Clarify the Amount and Use of Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit Budget	ONTP
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	LD 1887	Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools	RESOLVE 56
Not Enacted	LD 854	An Act to Provide Equitable Capital Construction Funding for Maine's Charter Schools	ONTP
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	LD 1892	An Act to Establish Procedures for School Construction Projects	CARRIED OVER

School Support Staff

Enacted	LD 1571	An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and Standards for Reissuance of Educational Technician Certificates	PUBLIC 423
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Special Education

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Summer and After School Educational Programs

Not Enacted	LD 1624	An Act to Provide Funding for Summer School Programming	CARRIED OVER
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Teacher Certification and Professional Development

Enacted	LD 1163	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Its Educator Credentialing Rules to Create a Pathway for an Industrial Arts Endorsement	RESOLVE 68
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Not Enacted	LD 1571	An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and Standards for Reissuance of Educational Technician Certificates	PUBLIC 423
	LD 369	An Act to Grant or Extend Conditional Teaching Certificates Under Certain Circumstances	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 470	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 803	An Act to Address Certification Violations for School Staff	ONTP
	LD 1357	An Act to Create Alternative Pathways for Certification or Endorsement of Industrial Arts Teachers	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1495	An Act to Make the Professional Standards Board Responsible for the Educator Certification Process	ONTP

Teachers and Administrators

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Not Enacted	LD 34	An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers	CARRIED OVER
	LD 470	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools	HELD BY GOVERNOR

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	LD 1653	An Act to Develop Maine's Credentialed Workforce	PUBLIC 324
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	LD 581	An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program	CARRIED OVER
	LD 884	Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1225	An Act to Amend the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program	ONTP

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LD 1369	An Act to Provide Emergency Medical Services Training Through the Maine Community College System	ONTP
LD 1627	An Act Regarding Workforce Development, Education Reform and Talent Retention	ONTP
LD 1691	An Act to Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine by Incentivizing Attorneys to Practice in Underserved Areas	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1891	An Act to Address the Dental Professional Workforce Shortage by Establishing Scholarship and Loan Programs and Updating the Dental Care Access Tax Credit	ONTP

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Comm	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Date of Last Committee Action	Carried Over?	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst note?	Session
EDU	11	An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	308		S1
EDU	21	An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP/ONTP	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	125		S1
EDU	22	An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/19/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	437		S1
EDU	31	An Act Regarding School Enrollment for Military-connected Students	Farrin, Brad	OTP-AM	5/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	78		S1
EDU	34	An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	46	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	71	An Act Regarding Special Education Funding	Mathieson, Kristi	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	74	An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline	Brennan, Michael	OTP/ONTP	3/19/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	26		S1
EDU	78	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Cursive Instruction in Maine Public Schools	Underwood, Joseph	OTP-AM	5/7/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	81	An Act to Foster Innovation in Maine Schools by Updating the Requirements of School Innovation Waivers	Murphy, Kelly	ONTP	3/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	86	An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education	Sargent, Holly	OTP/ONTP	4/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	112		S1
EDU	98	An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	58		S1

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EDU	109	Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission to Study Federal and National Efforts to Protect Artists from Copyright Infringement by Artificial Intelligence Companies and Users and to Monitor Educational Use	Dodge, Jan	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/16/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	155	An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools	Cloutier, Kristen	LTW	4/3/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	165	An Act to Allow School Boards to Expel or Suspend Students Regardless of Grade Level	Tuell, Will	ONTP/OTP-AM/OTP	6/12/2025		Accepted Report A (ONTP)				S1
EDU	168	An Act to Improve Safety in Public Schools by Requiring Silent Electronic Notification Systems in Classrooms	Sinclair, David	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	170	Resolve, Establishing a Pilot Program to Reduce Personal Electronic Device Distractions During the School Day	Mathieson, Kristi	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	174	An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	Drinkwater, Gary	ONTP/OTP	4/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	181	An Act to Modify the Calculation of Pupil Counts Used for Determination of School Administrative Unit Operating Costs	Tuell, Will	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	193	An Act to Fund Students in Maine Schools Who Are Experiencing Homelessness	Archer, Marshall	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	198	An Act to Prohibit the University of Maine System Campus Police from Issuing a Citation or Summons Related to a Parking Violation to a Visitor of the University of Maine System	Libby, James	ONTP	3/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	211	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Communicate to School Administrative Units and Private Schools the Importance of Adopting Seizure Action Plans	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	72		S1
EDU	217	An Act to Require Schools to Provide Access to Free Condoms for Students in Grades 9 to 12 in the School Nurse's Office	Dodge, Jan	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	218	An Act to Make Student Transfer Agreements Renew Automatically Except in Certain Circumstances	Hasenfus, Tavis	ONTP/OTP	5/20/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EDU	220	An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program in Order to Provide Funding for Students Attending Certain Private Schools and Students Receiving Home Instruction	Bagshaw, Barbara	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	242	An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	197		S1
EDU	281	An Act to Provide Support for Certain Maine Discovery Museum Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Educational Programming Throughout the State	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/9/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	282	An Act to Raise the Limit on the Total Number of Public Charter Schools	Drinkwater, Gary	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	295	An Act Regarding Education	Murphy, Kelly		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
EDU	315	An Act to Add a Personal Finance Course to the State Graduation Requirements in High Schools	Crockett, Ed	LTW	4/10/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	318	Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute and the Department of Education to Recommend Changes to the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM	6/10/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	84		S1
EDU	322	An Act to Promote Student Attendance in Schools by Requiring the Commissioner of Education to Implement School Attendance Best Practices	Brennan, Michael	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	323	An Act to Fund Staff Support for the State Board of Education	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	324	An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	339	Resolve, to Provide Funds to the Maine Indian Education School District to Develop a Wabanaki-centered Curriculum	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025		Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	354	An Act to Improve Education in Maine	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
EDU	360	An Act Supporting the Dirigo Reads Literacy Program	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	3/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	361	An Act to Support the Francis Malcolm Science Center	Bernard, Sue	OTP-AM	5/22/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	369	An Act to Grant or Extend Conditional Teaching Certificates Under Certain Circumstances	Libby, James	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	370	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Collect Data on Secondary School Mathematics Requirements	Libby, James	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	375	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Distance Learning Programs at the University of Maine School of Law	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM	5/13/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	46		S1

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EDU	377	An Act to Establish a University of Maine Medical School and to Dedicate Funds from Raising the Cigarette Tax to the School	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	3/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	384	An Act to Prevent Student Homelessness	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	453		S1
EDU	396	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program to Encourage Secondary Schools to Adopt Later Start Times	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	110		S1
EDU	420	An Act to Fund the Carleton Project to Provide Additional Access to a Nontraditional Secondary School	Swallow, Gregg	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	437	An Act Directing the Department of Education to Develop Pilot Programs to Place Child Care Facilities in Selected School Administrative Units	Golek, Cheryl	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	457	An Act to Fund Climate Resiliency Projects Related to the Repair of Campus Infrastructure Used for Active Transportation and Outdoor Recreation	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/16/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	470	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Teacher Mentoring Programs in Maine Public Schools	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	471	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Expand Intensive English Language Learner Programs	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
EDU	482	An Act to Expand Educational Opportunities and Broaden Educational Services for Students Enrolled in Equivalent Instruction Programs	Bagshaw, Barbara	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	501	An Act to Fairly Fund School Administrative Units for Economically Disadvantaged Students	Cloutier, Kristen	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	512	An Act to Provide Educational Opportunities for Students in Secondary Schools with 200 or Fewer Students	Guerin, Stacey	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	513	An Act to Allow the Spouse of a School Board Member to Serve as a Stipend Employee Within the School Board's Jurisdiction	Moore, Marianne	ONTP/OTP	4/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	525	An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances	Morris, Joshua	ONTP/OTP	5/20/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EDU	543	An Act to Enhance Maine's Wildlife Conservation Efforts and Preserve Maine's Sporting Heritage by Requiring Hunter Safety Education in Schools	Ardell, Donald	ONTP	3/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
EDU	577	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding and Protect Maine's School Meals Programs	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2025	Carried On Approps Table				√	S1
EDU	581	An Act to Fund the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	587	An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	607	An Act to Require the Approval of Superintendent Agreements Regarding Transfers of Students Between School Administrative Units	Libby, Laurel	ONTP/OTP	5/28/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	628	An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	312		S1
EDU	642	An Act to Provide Students in the University of Maine System Who Are Parents or Pregnant Individuals Priority Registration for Courses	Griffin, Abigail	ONTP	4/4/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	643	Resolve, to Study the Effects of Artificial Intelligence, Cellular Telephones and Social Media on Public Education	Brennan, Michael	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	651	An Act to Codify the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	180		S1
EDU	660	An Act to Provide Transparency and Public Access to Public School Curricula	Caruso, Elizabeth	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	673	An Act to Better Support the Educational Attainment of Low-income and Moderate-income Communities by Providing Additional Funding to Certain School Administrative Units	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	680	An Act to Support Higher Education in Maine by Providing Funds to Maine's Community Colleges	Daughtry, Matthea	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	681	An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State	Grohoski, Nicole	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/28/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	692	An Act to Increase Support for Statewide Emergency Broadcast Messaging	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/19/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	459		S1
EDU	696	An Act to Bolster the Maine Teacher Residency Program	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	700	An Act to Promote Student Enrollment and Degree Completion in the University of Maine System by Awarding Waivers of Tuition and Fees to Eligible Students	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/8/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	701	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Report on Financial Literacy Education in the System of Learning Results	Rollins, David	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	722	Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the Status of Funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	34		S1
EDU	727	An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools	Quint, Tracy	ONTP/OTP	4/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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EDU	730	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education		OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	61		S1
EDU	734	An Act to Promote Voter Registration for Students in Maine's High Schools	McCabe, Julie	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	736	An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy	Ray, Mike	ONTP	5/27/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	776	An Act to Provide Free School Lunches to Special Purpose Private Schools That Receive Students from the Public School System	O'Halloran, Dani	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	783	An Act to Continue Support for the Maine Multicultural Center	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/29/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	787	An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	5/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	464		S1
EDU	803	An Act to Address Certification Violations for School Staff	Crockett, Ed	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	808	An Act to Require School Boards and Governing Bodies of Approved Private Schools to Implement Wearable Panic Alert Systems	Mastraccio, Anne-Marie	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	817	An Act to Remove Restrictions That Prohibit School Administrative Units from Making Purchases Through Cooperatives	Mitchell, Christina	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	823	An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Competition Programs	Haggan, David	OTP-AM	5/30/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	828	An Act to Allow Chiropractors to Be Designated as School Health Advisors	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/12/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EDU	854	An Act to Provide Equitable Capital Construction Funding for Maine's Charter Schools	Lyman, Sheila	ONTP	5/8/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	858	An Act to Ensure Behavioral and Mental Health Services Are Available to Students by Providing Grants to Schools That Contract for Those Services	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/23/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	884	Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law	Ankeles, Dan	OTP-AM	4/16/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	885	An Act to Allow Certain Persons with a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns to Possess or Discharge a Firearm on School Property	White, James	ONTP/OTP	5/20/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	919	An Act to Require Parental Permission for Certain Surveys and Questionnaires Administered to Minors in Schools	Lyman, Sheila	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	927	An Act to Require Chaplains in School Administrative Units	Paul, Reagan	ONTP	3/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	933	An Act to Increase to 100 Percent the State Share of Funding for Special Education Costs of All School Administrative Units	Dill, Jim	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	957	An Act to Integrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander History into the Statewide System of Learning Results	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Held by Governor				S1

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EDU	972	An Act to Change the Entity Responsible for Operating the Career and Technical Education Center in Machias to Regional School Unit 37	Strout, Tiffany	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	973	An Act to Establish the Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/15/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	974	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Improve High School Graduation Rates and Review Policies Related to Graduation Rate Data	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	75		S1
EDU	988	An Act to Allow Hunting on University of Maine System Property	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1011	An Act to Change the Residency Requirements for State Funding for Student Tuition at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Bernard, Sue	ONTP/OTP	4/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1069	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review Personal Finance Course Offerings in Maine Schools and Convene a Working Group of Relevant Stakeholders	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	1071	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Review of the Implementation of Public Law 2021, Chapter 295 and Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Consult with School Administrators Regarding Developing a Plan for Community-based Crisis Receiving Centers	Tipping, Michael	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1076	An Act to Hire School Security Officers to Protect Students and Make Schools Safer	Perkins, Chad	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EDU	1087	An Act to Increase the State's Share of Major Capital School Construction Costs	Boyer, Michelle	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1097	Resolve, to Require the Department of Education to Convene a Group to Develop Best Practices for De-escalation and Behavior Intervention	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	1098	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Review the Use of Abbreviated School Days	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	1103	An Act Regarding Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit School Budget	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP/ONTP	5/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	208		S1
EDU	1118	An Act to Establish a Permanent Free Community College Program for Maine	Sargent, Holly	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1123	An Act to Provide Funding for MaineCare-related Services for Public Schools	Yusuf, Yusuf	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/15/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1162	Resolve, to Establish a Hybrid Juris Doctor Program at the University of Maine School of Law to Address Access to Justice in Rural Maine	Fredette, Kenneth	LTW	4/3/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1163	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Its Educator Credentialing Rules to Create a Pathway for an Industrial Arts Endorsement	Carlow, Nathan	OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	68		S1
EDU	1202	An Act to Establish the African American Studies Advisory Council and Provide Funding to Support African American Studies	Talbot Ross, Rachel	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1203	An Act to Provide Grants to Schools That Contract for Behavioral and Mental Health Services	Talbot Ross, Rachel	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1219	An Act to Increase State Funding for the Campuses of the University of Maine System	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	5/21/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1

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EDU	1225	An Act to Amend the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program	Roberts, Tiffany	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1234	An Act Regarding Cellular Telephones in Public Schools	Campbell, Dick	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	210		S1
EDU	1248	An Act Regarding Physical Escort and Restraint and Seclusion of Students in Schools	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	266		S1
EDU	1255	An Act to Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Registered to Vote in the State and to Amend Eligibility Requirements for the Free Community College Tuition Program	Rudnicki, Shelley	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EDU	1256	An Act to Support Healthy Meal Programs in Maine Schools by Allowing the School Revolving Renovation Fund to Make Loans to Repair and Renovate School Kitchens and Cafeterias	Salisbury, Suzanne	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1271	An Act to Make Permanent the Law Allowing School Boards to Accept the Volunteer Services of Immediate Family Members of Superintendents or School Board Members	Carlow, Nathan	ONTP	5/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1282	An Act Regarding Eligibility for Historic Preservation Bond Proceeds	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/15/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1285	An Act to Prohibit the Consideration of Legacy Preferences or Donor Preferences in Postsecondary Educational Institution Admissions	Tipping, Michael	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1327	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study Student Teacher Compensation	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	88		S1
EDU	1332	An Act to Establish the Community Schools Success Fund to Ensure the Implementation and Success of Community Schools Programs	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	410		S1

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EDU	1357	An Act to Create Alternative Pathways for Certification or Endorsement of Industrial Arts Teachers	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	ONTP/OTP	5/28/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1369	An Act to Provide Emergency Medical Services Training Through the Maine Community College System	Fredette, Kenneth	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1395	An Act Regarding Human Trafficking Prevention Instruction and Dissemination of and Access to Obscene Material in Schools	Paul, Reagan	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1398	An Act Regarding Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools	Crafts, Lydia	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1404	Resolve, to Create a Working Group on the Status of School Libraries and on Public Libraries in Maine	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	117		S1
EDU	1433	Resolve, to Establish a Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program and to Conduct a Feasibility Study of a Higher Education Service Corps Program	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/19/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	118		S1
EDU	1439	An Act to Protect the Health and Welfare of Children in Public Schools by Requiring Parental Consent for Certain Tests, Analyses and Diagnoses	Lyman, Sheila	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1461	An Act to Prohibit School Boards from Implementing or Enforcing Mask Mandates	Eder, John	ONTP/OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1466	An Act Related to Excusing a School from Making Up Missed Days When It Cannot Operate During a Declared State of Emergency	Collamore, Amanda	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1474	An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1

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EDU	1482	An Act to Require Education Regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Other Allied Communities	Golek, Cheryl	LTW	4/14/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1495	An Act to Make the Professional Standards Board Responsible for the Educator Certification Process	Mitchell, Christina	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1518	An Act to Clarify the Amount and Use of Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit Budget	Frost, Sharon	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1533	An Act to Ensure the Retention of R1 Research Institution Status by the University of Maine	Tipping, Michael	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1543	An Act to Establish the Maine Green Schools Network	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	422		S1
EDU	1558	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/10/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	1571	An Act to Modify Certification Standards for Full-time Teachers in Public Charter Schools and Standards for Reissuance of Educational Technician Certificates	Crockett, Ed	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	423		S1
EDU	1579	An Act to Abolish School Budget Referenda	Abdi, Mana	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1586	An Act to Amend the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum Law	Bagshaw, Barbara	ONTP/OTP	5/20/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1588	An Act to Ensure Transparency in Student Transfer Requests	Bagshaw, Barbara	OTP-AM	6/2/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1

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EDU	1614	Resolve, to Facilitate the Ability of the Maine State Museum to Acquire and Preserve Special Collections	Shagoury, Daniel	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1624	An Act to Provide Funding for Summer School Programming	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1626	An Act to Improve Professional Development for Educational Technicians and School Support Staff	Murphy, Kelly	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1627	An Act Regarding Workforce Development, Education Reform and Talent Retention	White, Russell	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1639	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Conduct a Statewide Survey Related to Instructional Time in Public Schools	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1648	Resolve, to Honor Margaret Chase Smith and Joshua Chamberlain in the National Statuary Hall Collection	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	71		S1
EDU	1653	An Act to Develop Maine's Credentialed Workforce	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	324		S1
EDU	1689	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education	Hasenfus, Tavis	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1691	An Act to Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine by Incentivizing Attorneys to Practice in Underserved Areas	Kuhn, Amy	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EDU	1701	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Study the Maine Learning Results	Brennan, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	76		S1
EDU	1705	An Act Regarding Adult Education Funding and Oversight	Sargent, Holly	OTP-AM	6/10/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1718	An Act to Establish the Maine Charter School Commission as a Public Instrumentality of the State	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	320		S1

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EDU	1719	An Act Regarding Superintendent Agreements for Transfer Students	Rafferty, Jr., Joseph	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/11/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EDU	1740	An Act to Establish the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Education Matching Grant Program	Sayre, Dan	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1753	An Act to Establish the Upper St. John Valley Recovery High School Program	Daigle, Lucien	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1759	An Act to Allow Firefighters to Be Eligible for State College Funding	Hymes, Benjamin	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1760	An Act to Promote Public Education in Maine by Amending the Laws Governing Student Transfers	Haggan, Kimberly	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1764	An Act to Ensure Equitable Staffing Ratios Across the State for Career and Technical Education Programs in Areas with Smaller Student Populations	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EDU	1833	An Act to Expand Law Education and Training by Creating a Night Law School Program	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EDU	1858	An Act to Promote Local Seafood in Schools	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	301		S1
EDU	1881	An Act to Ensure the Rights of Parents of Minor Children in Education	Caruso, Elizabeth	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EDU	1887	Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools	Arata, Amy	OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	56		S1
EDU	1891	An Act to Address the Dental Professional Workforce Shortage by Establishing Scholarship and Loan Programs and Updating the Dental Care Access Tax Credit	Daigle, Lucien	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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Comm	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Date of Last Committee Action	Carried Over?	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst note?	Session
EDU	1892	An Act to Establish Procedures for School Construction Projects	Brennan, Michael		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1

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LD 11 An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 308 requires school boards to adopt and implement a written policy establishing minimum and maximum temperature standards for school buildings. It requires the policy to be posted on the school board's school administrative unit's publicly accessible website. It also requires the school board to seek guidance from the Department of Education prior to adopting and implementing the written policy.

LD 21 An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral Threat Assessment and Response

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 125 amends the provision of law governing a school board's adoption of a student code of conduct to require the establishment of policies and procedures for students who may pose a threat of violence in order to reflect best practices regarding behavioral threat assessment and response.

LD 22 An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 437 amends the laws governing education in the unorganized territory as they relate to eligibility to enroll in education, compulsory attendance and truancy to be comparable to the laws governing public education in organized areas. It also removes the provision that prohibits the Commissioner of Education from reimbursing parents for the transportation of a student.

LD 31 An Act Regarding School Enrollment for Military-connected Students

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 78 provides that if the parent of a military-connected student is transferred or pending transfer within the State, a school administrative unit must allow the student to continue attending the student's current school, allow the student to enroll in the student's prospective school prior to establishing residence or allow the student to enroll at a school located where the student will reside with a noncustodial guardian. It also provides that if a transfer occurs during the student's final year of high school, the transfer must conform with the requirements described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 20107.

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LD 74 An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 26 extends the Department of Education's system of learning results review cycle length from five years to seven years beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

LD 86 An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 112 amends the education laws as follows.

1. It updates the definition of "homeless student" to match the federal definition.
2. It updates the community school district statutes to allow for reorganization without a private and special law.
3. It updates statutes regarding private schools' receipt of public funds for tuition purposes to reflect the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Carson v. Makin*.
4. It updates statutes regarding education service centers to clarify that audits of centers under the fiscal authority of a school administrative unit may be included in the financial audit of that school administrative unit.
5. It clarifies that a school administrative unit's initial report to the Commissioner of Education must be included as part of the unit's official audit.
6. It repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 608, the School Finance Act of 2003, which has been superseded by Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

LD 98 An Act to Include School Counselors in the Educators for Maine Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 58 adds school counselor as a postbaccalaureate certification pursuit that is eligible for financial assistance under the Educators for Maine Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. It also clarifies that the recipient of a loan repayment award must be employed in a certified instructional or student support role, specifically as a teacher, school counselor or licensed speech pathologist, in a school in an underserved geographic area.

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LD 211 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Communicate to School Administrative Units and Private Schools the Importance of Adopting Seizure Action Plans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 72 requires the Department of Education to communicate the importance of the adoption of seizure action plans to school administrative units and approved private schools. The department must provide information and assistance if requested by a school administrative unit or approved private school.

LD 242 An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 197 amends the provisions of law governing the borrowing power belonging to school administrative districts and regional school unit boards. It amends the provisions governing temporary notes issued in anticipation of a sale of school construction bonds to extend the time-period that applied when bonds are issued to fund temporary notes from a maximum period of 25 years to a maximum period of 30 years.

LD 318 Resolve, Directing the Maine Education Policy Research Institute and the Department of Education to Recommend Changes to the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 84 directs the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to specify certain elements of the essential programs and services funding formula to be simulated with new parameters. The Department of Education is required to collect additional data from school administrative units and conduct simulations of the proposed parameters. The institute is required to solicit feedback from stakeholders on the recommended potential adjustments to the funding formula in light of the forecasts prepared by the department. Resolve 2025, chapter 84 also directs the department to conduct the reviews within existing resources and the institute to conduct the work within existing contracted resources. The institute and department are required to submit reports with their findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2026.

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LD 375 Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Distance Learning Programs at the University of Maine School of Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 46 requires the University of Maine System to study the feasibility of expanding the current juris doctor degree program at the University of Maine School of Law to offer distance learning courses and to examine providing a new juris doctor degree program providing 100% distance learning. The study must consider the costs of operating the current juris doctor degree program with distance learning courses and the cost of operating a new juris doctor degree program providing 100% distance learning courses.

The University of Maine System must submit a report with its findings, including suggested legislation, by November 4, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the contents of the report.

LD 384 An Act to Prevent Student Homelessness

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 453 establishes the Student Homelessness Prevention Program within the Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to provide direct financial assistance to prevent student homelessness and support students and their families in maintaining stable permanent housing.

LD 396 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop a Grant Program to Encourage Secondary Schools to Adopt Later Start Times

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 110 directs the Department of Education to establish a grant program to encourage school administrative units to collaborate on changing school start times to allow secondary schools to have a start time of 8:30 a.m. or later. Funds awarded through the grant program must be used by school administrative units to develop plans to allow secondary schools to start at or after 8:30 a.m. by coordinating school start times among the unit's schools or in partnership with neighboring school administrative units. The department is required to adopt rules to ensure that grant funding is awarded in a fair and equitable manner.

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LD 628 An Act Regarding Eligibility to Apply for a Department of Education Diploma

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 312 makes permanent the ability for a student to be eligible for a Department of Education diploma due to a significant interruption to the student's education at any point during the student's educational history as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also changes the definition of “education disruption” to include any housing disruption, absence for more than 10% of school days in a school year due to unforeseen circumstances and enrollment in two or more schools during the student's secondary school education.

LD 651 An Act to Codify the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 180 eliminates the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program established by Public Law 2021, chapter 346. The law establishes as an ongoing statutory program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program established pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 483, Part H.

LD 692 An Act to Increase Support for Statewide Emergency Broadcast Messaging

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 459 directs the State Controller to transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2026 and \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2027 of the funds received pursuant to the *Maine v. Google* settlement and deposited to the account established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 203-A to be used solely for activities identified in the court decree and approved by the Attorney General. Funds transferred must be provided to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation to align state funding more closely with the statutory requirement to provide emergency broadcast messaging for public safety.

LD 722 Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the Status of Funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 34 directs the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services' Board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the status of funds in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program no later than January 15, 2026. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature related to the contents of the report.

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LD 730 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 61 provides that final adoption of portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, is not authorized.

Resolve 2025, chapter 61 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 787 An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 464 provides that, in order for a student to be eligible for state tuition funding at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, the student must reside in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian at the start of the academic year for which state funding is appropriated for that student. The student's residency must be reaffirmed to the school at the beginning of each school year that the student is enrolled.

LD 974 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Improve High School Graduation Rates and Review Policies Related to Graduation Rate Data

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 75 directs the Department of Education to develop a plan to update demographic definitions and data suppression policies related to high school graduation rates in the State based on the recommendations described in the 2025 report on high school graduation rates published by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute. It also directs the department to convene a stakeholder group to review current strategies within the department to improve high school graduation rates and to develop actionable graduation rate interventions based on the 2025 report. The department is required to submit a report based on the stakeholder group's discussions to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 15, 2026. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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LD 1103 An Act Regarding Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit School Budget

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 208 modifies the provision of law related to carrying forward general operating fund unallocated balances at the end of a school administrative unit's fiscal year. Prior to the enactment of Public Law 2025, chapter 208, unallocated balances in excess of 5% of the previous fiscal year's school budget had to be used to reduce the state and local share of the total allocation for the purposes of computing state subsidy and school boards could carry forward unallocated balances in excess of 5% of the previous year's school budget and disburse the funds over a period not to exceed three years, except for in fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, during which time the applicable percentage threshold was 9% of the previous year's school budget, not 5%. Public Law 2025, chapter 208 modifies this provision to provide that the temporary percentage threshold of 9% applies to all future fiscal years.

LD 1163 Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Amend Its Educator Credentialing Rules to Create a Pathway for an Industrial Arts Endorsement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 68 directs the State Board of Education to amend its rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, Part II: Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements to create a pathway for an industrial arts endorsement for a teacher certificate.

Resolve 2025, chapter 68 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.

LD 1234 An Act Regarding Cellular Telephones in Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 210 provides that, by August 1, 2026, a school board must adopt a policy related to use of personal electronic devices during the school day. The policy must include, but is not limited to, provisions related to student use of cellular telephones and wearable electronic devices.

LD 1248 An Act Regarding Physical Escort and Restraint and Seclusion of Students in Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 266 provides a definition of “serious physical injury” as it relates to the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools and requires the Department of Education to submit a report on the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools to the joint standing

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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

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jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, which is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 1433 Resolve, to Establish a Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program and to Conduct a Feasibility Study of a Higher Education Service Corps Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 118 establishes the Working Waterfront Infrastructure Engineer Corps Pilot Program. The Maine Sea Grant at the University of Maine is directed to oversee the program and consult with Volunteer Maine and the Maine College of Engineering and Computing at the University of Maine. Program participants may be graduate or undergraduate students. Program participants are required to conduct vulnerability assessments and other analyses of the State's working waterfronts. Program participants are required to engage with municipalities and be exposed to careers in municipal government. The law requires the Maine Sea Grant to report on the program's status to the Legislature. The law also directs the Maine Commission for Community Service to study the feasibility of developing a higher education service corps program. The feasibility study is due to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 3, 2025. Each joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the contents of the report.

LD 1543 An Act to Establish the Maine Green Schools Network

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 422 establishes the Maine Green Schools Network within the Department of Education to support environmental education and initiatives in public schools. The department must administer the network and, subject to the availability of funds, invite several individuals and entities to participate in the network, including the director of green schools within the department; a climate education specialist within the department; an educator; a representative from climate education nonprofit organizations; a representative from a career and technical school; a representative from the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future; and a representative from the Department of Environmental Protection. Public Law 2025, chapter 422 requires the network to do the following: support professional development; support school projects that incorporate traditional ecological knowledge and best practices for waste management and recycling, energy conservation, water conservation, schoolyard habitat, outdoor classrooms, transportation or health; increase the number of educators in the State who provide training for green schools; create a statewide community of practice among educators and administrators for the purpose of sharing curricula; and develop common resources, trainings and metrics to support educators. The department is authorized to develop a grant program to be administered through the network in furtherance of fulfilling the network's duties. The network is required to report back to the Legislature by November 4, 2026 with findings and recommendations related to the network's ability to achieve its goals.

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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.

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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.

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LD 1887 Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 56 amends Resolve 2021, chapter 114, which required the Department of Education to amend its school construction and siting and basic approval standards rules to require standards governing air quality and ventilation for all public schools. Instead, Resolve 2025, chapter 56 requires the department to amend its rules to require those standards for only newly constructed public schools.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this digest. Please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 577 An Act to Maximize Federal Funding and Protect Maine's School Meals Programs

Though this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into the budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 210, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Part C.