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LD 551, Resolve 2009, Chapter 197 - *Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Education To Review the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula*

Consulting / Collaborative Parties	Summary	Action Required	Meeting Schedule (Dates, Places & Times)	Contact
<p>MEPRI State Board of Education</p>	<p>Requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute (MEPRI), to analyze the components of the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) funding formula and to propose any changes to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 3, 2011.</p>	<p>Begin the review with MEPRI by July 15, 2010 and DOE will report the findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 3, 2011.</p>	<p>Ongoing work between the Department and MEPRI beginning in July, 2010 with announcement of meetings as they are scheduled and bi-monthly updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.</p>	<p>Jim Rier</p>

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LD 1296, Public Law 2009, Chapter 553 -An Act To Strengthen the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program

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State Board of Education MCCS UMS Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Maine Revenue Services	<p>This bill makes a number of improvements to the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program by amending several definitions, by changing eligibility criteria for participation in the program, by requiring the Maine Community College System (MCCS) and the University of Maine System (UMS) to publish on their respective publically accessible websites the average in-state tuition and mandatory fees to the State Tax Assessor and all accredited Maine community colleges, colleges and universities, by requiring the DOE in consultation with the State Tax Assessor, to make information about the program available on the Department's publicly accessible website. The Department shall refer any questions regarding the program to the relevant accredited Maine community college, college or university's financial aid office. It repeals the rule-making provision established in Maine Revised Statutes for the administration of the program and directs the State Board of Education to repeal the rules adopted for the administration of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It requires the State Tax Assessor to annually determine the principal cap and benchmark loan payment 	<p>The Department will post relevant information about the program on the DOE's website by August 1, 2010.</p> <p>The State Board of Education will repeal Rule Chapter 145 by September 1, 2010.</p> <p>The Department will consolidate information from the Maine community colleges, colleges and universities regarding how the program is working and convey the information to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by March 1, 2011 and March 1, 2012.</p>	<p>Ongoing work between the Department and the State Board beginning in July, 2010 with announcement of meetings as they are scheduled and bi-monthly updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.</p>	<p>Wanda Monthey Jim Banks, Chair State Board of Education</p>

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	<p>amounts and to provide to an accredited Maine community college, college or university the information necessary to document a student's eligibility for the educational opportunity tax credit. The principal cap is based on in-state tuition and mandatory fees for either the MCCS or the UMS, depending on whether the enrollment is for pursuit of an associate degree or of a bachelor's degree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It provides that all accredited Maine community colleges, colleges and universities shall certify the total principal that an individual who has earned a degree at the institution has received as part of the individual's financial aid package. • It directs all accredited Maine community colleges, colleges and universities to file a report with the DOE by February 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012 on how the program is working, and it directs the DOE to convey the information gathered to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by March 1, 2011 and March 1, 2012. • It also directs the State Tax 			

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	<p>Assessor to report on implementation of the program to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by March 1, 2011 and March 1, 2012.</p> <p>Part B of the bill amends the educational opportunity tax credit to reflect the changes that were made to the program in Part A and enacts an income modification to Maine taxable income with respect to loan payment amounts paid by employers that are subject to federal income taxes.</p>			

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LD 1671, Public Law 2009, Chapter 571 -An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (EMERGENCY)

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DHHS	<p><u>PART ZZZ</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to present a status report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs regarding the financial implications of implementing any proposed changes to the Department of Health and Human Services rules pertaining to MaineCare, including the potential adverse fiscal impact for Medicaid-eligible children from birth to 20 years of age who receive programs and services through the Child Development Services System and through kindergarten to grade 12 schools in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 United States Code, Sections 1400 et seq. • This Part also requires the Commissioners to submit a final report no later than October 1, 2010. • The Joint Standing Committee on 	<p>The Commissioners of DOE and DHHS will collaborate as appropriate and submit a final report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by October 1, 2010.</p> <p>DOE and DHHS will coordinate the implementation of the provisions of this Chapter with the provisions of LD 1804, PL 2009, Chapter 643 by including this report as part of the final report for Chapter 643.</p>	<p>Ongoing work between the DOE and the DHHS begun in May, 2010 with announcement of meetings as they are scheduled and bi-monthly updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.</p>	<p>Jaci Holmes Debra Hannigan</p>

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	<p>Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill to the 124th Legislature based on the report submitted.</p>			

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LD 1764, Resolve 2009, Chapter 151 -Resolve, To Support the Development of Maine’s Economic Future by Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education (EMERGENCY)

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<p>University of Maine System (UMS)</p> <p>Maine Community College System (MCCS)</p>	<p>Directs the Department of Education, in consultation with the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System, to conduct a study and develop a state plan for the learning of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for Race to the Top application.</p> <p>The Department shall also review existing K-12 learning standards regarding the opportunities for students to gain and assess knowledge to be incorporated as part of a national assessment of technical literacy beginning in 2012. The Department shall submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by February 1, 2011.</p> <p>The Education Committee is authorized to submit a bill, based on these findings and recommendations, to the First Session of the 125th Legislature.</p>	<p>The Department completed the plan for the Race to the Top Application and submitted it May 28, 2010 and will coordinate with ongoing STEM initiatives as well as common core standards and assessment initiatives.</p> <p>Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by February 1, 2011.</p>	<p>Ongoing work between the DOE, UMS and MCCS begun in March, 2010 with announcement of meetings as they are scheduled and bi-monthly updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.</p>	<p>Wanda Monthey</p>

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LD 1804, Public Law 2009, Chapter 643 - An Act Concerning Certain MaineCare Rules Regarding Services Provided through the Child Development Services System and School Administrative Units (EMERGENCY)

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<p>DOE</p> <p>MSMA</p> <p>MSSA</p> <p>Maine Disability Rights Center</p> <p>Maine Developmental Disabilities Council</p>	<p>Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to consult the with the Department of Education (DOE), the Maine School Management Assoc. (MSMA), the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MASCD), the Disability Rights Center, and the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council, before adopting any rule that impacts children’s services delivered by school administrative units or CDS and report monthly to the Joint Standing Committees on Health and Human Services and Education and Cultural Affairs.</p> <p>Further, DHHS shall amend or adopt routine technical rules, to include the interested parties, in the MaineCare Advisory Council and to maximize federal revenue available from the Medicaid program.</p> <p>Finally, DOE and DHHS shall review DHHS Chapter 101 rules to assure compliance with federal Medicaid requirements and shall consult with the Attorney General, the MSMA, the</p>	<p>Informational Letter to Superintendents by June 1, 2010.</p> <p>The first interim report was submitted May 14, 2010.</p> <p>DOE will participate as one of five interested parties in consultation with DHHS.</p> <p>DOE will collaborate with DHHS to review the provisions of DHHS Rule Chapter 101 in order to file the requisite reports on July 1, 2010 and January 3, 2011.</p> <p>DOE and DHHS will present an update / briefing to the Education Committee June 7, 2010.</p> <p>DOE will post the May 15th interim report to the Joint Standing Committees on Education and Cultural Affairs</p>	<p>Ongoing work between the DOE and the DHHS begun in April, 2010 with announcement of meetings as they are scheduled and bi-monthly updates to meet the benchmarks of the action required.</p>	<p>Debra Hannigan Jaci Holmes</p>

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	<p>MASCD, the Disability Rights Center, and the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council. DOE and DHHS shall submit interim reports to the Education Committee on May 15, 2010 and July 1, 2010 and a final report on January 3, 2011.</p>	<p>and Health and Human Services on the Department's website. DOE and DHHS will coordinate the implementation of the provisions of this Chapter with the provisions of LD 1671, Chapter 571, Part <i>ZZZ</i>.</p>		