

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, INTERIM STUDY GROUPS AND DIRECTIVES ESTABLISHED BY
THE 1ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 126TH LEGISLATURE (2013)**

Interim Studies and Short-term Committees

Name	Authorized By	Report Date
Task Force on Milk Tier Pricing	Resolve 67	12/4/13 to ACF Committee*
Commission to Study the Incidence of and Mortality Related to Cancer	Resolve 77	12/4/13 to HHS Committee*
Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities	Resolve 78	12/4/13 to 126 th Legislature*
Tax Expenditure Review Task Force	Public Law 368, Part S	12/4/13 to AFA* & TRA Committees
Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force	Public Law 368, Part AA	12/1/13 to AFA* & TAX Committees
Task Force for Adult Learners	Public Law 368, Part GGGGG	2/1/14 to MWEF Committee*
InternHelpME Advisory Committee	Public Law 368, Part KKKKK-2	1/2/15 to LCED Committee
Jt. Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ. Dev. to Study whether to License Water Treatment Specialists	Joint Order HP 1084	May report out a bill to 2 nd Session of 126 th Legislature
Criminal Code Revision Planning Committee	Joint Order SP 31	Shall submit bill by 3/1/14*
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Council	Joint Order HP 1136	Preliminary report. 12/4/13; final report 11/5/14 to IFS Committee
Commission to Study Transparency, Costs & Accountability of Health Care System Financing	Joint Order HP 1123	12/4/13 to HHS & IFS Committee
Commission to Study the State Board of Corrections & the Unified County Corrections System	Joint Order HP 1132	12/4/13 to CJPS Committee*

New Ongoing Boards and Commissions

Name	Authorized By	Report Date
Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board (32 MRSA c. 86)	Public Law 316	NA
Child Advocacy Advisory Board (22 MRSA § 4019)	Public Law 364	1/15 Annually to HHS Committee*

Revised Existing Boards and Commissions

Name	Authorized By	Revised By
Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council (revises membership criteria)	35-A MRSA § 8704	Public Law 40
Emergency Medical Services' Board (revises membership)	32 MRSA § 88	Public Law 62
Maine Economic Growth Council (revises membership)	10 MRSA § 929-A	Public Law 102
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (revises chair & funding)	5 MRSA § 7030-C	Public Law 104
Maine HIV Committee (revises membership)	5 MRSA § 19202	Public Law 108
Lobster Management Policy Councils (expands authority)	12 MRSA § 6447	Public Law 239*
Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative (revises membership and name)	12 MRSA § 6455	Public Law 309
Interagency Review Panel (revises membership and duties)	35-A § 122	Public Law 360
Displaced Homemakers Advisory Council (revises membership & duties)	20-A § 10921	Public Law 368, Part AAAA
Maine Charter School Commission (revises compensation)	20-A § 2405	Public Law 368, Part JJJJ
Citizen Trade Policy Commission (revises staff & funding)	10 MRSA § 11	Public law 427

New or Revised Boards and Commissions Requiring Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointments

Name	...Authorized By	Revised By
State Board of Education (revises student membership criteria)	20-A MRSA § 401	Public Law 15
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (revises membership)	30 MRSA § 6212	Public Law 81
Land for Maine's Future Board (revises quorum)	5 MRSA § 6205	Public Law 92
Land Use Planning Commission (revises appointment and eligibility)	12 MRSA § 683-A	Public Law 256
Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, Board of Trustees (revises membership and bylaws, requires Board to report to EDU Committee 1/1/14 with proposed changes to bylaws))	PL 1991, c. 848	Public Law 367
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council (revises membership and meeting structure)	12 MRSA § 10151	Public Law 375 and Public Law 408
Efficiency Maine Trust (revises membership)	35-A § 10103	Public law 424

Directs a Department, Office or Committee to Conduct a Study, Review or Report

Name	Conducted By	Authorized By	Report Date
Review current Probate Code & Uniform Probate Code	Probate & Trust Law Advisory Commission	Resolve 5	12/1/13 to JUD Committee*
Report on amended rules regarding restraint of students	Dept. of Education	Resolve 8	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Study of current Uniform parentage Act & similar laws & proposals	Family Law Advisory Commission	Resolve 12	12/1/13 to JUD Committee*
Development of public health plan for protection of mosquito-borne diseases	Dept. of Agriculture, Cons & Forestry	Resolve 13	12/15/13 to ACF Committee*
Develop proposal for policy & specifications for guide signs on highways	Dept. of Transportation & ME Turnpike Authority	Resolve 14	1/15/14 to TRA Committee*
Study use of rubber lures & nondegradable hooks for fishing	Dept. of Inland Fish & Wildlife	Resolve 18	1/15/14 to IFW Committee*
Review of certain electricity distribution charges for businesses	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 20	1/15/14 to EUT Committee*
Study of vision requirements for driver licensure	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Resolve 21	1/15/14 to TRA Committee*
Work group regarding applied learning for K-8 students	Director, Jobs for Maine's Graduates	Resolve 22	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Review presence of department services in urban and rural areas	Dept. of Health & Human Services	Resolve 23	1/1/14 to HHS Committee
Development of process to increase prescriber participation in prescription monitoring program	Substance Abuse Services Commission	Resolve 25	1/1/14 to HHS Committee*
Study of labor mediator compensation	ME Labor Relations Board	Resolve 26	1/15/14 to LCED Committee*
Study disposition of inherited digital assets	Probate & Trust Law Advisory Commission	Resolve 27	12/1/13 to JUD Committee*
Study broadband infrastructure deployment	ConnectME Authority	Resolve 28	2/1/14 to TRA & EUT Committees*
Report on amended rules for licensing maple syrup	Dept. of Agriculture, Cons & Forestry	Resolve 30	12/15/13 to ACF Committee
Report on amended rules regarding access to dental services	Board of Dental Examiners	Resolve 36	1/15/14 to LCED Committee*
Study need for regulation of scrap metal dealers	Secretary of State	Resolve 37	1/30/14 to LCED Committee*
Study of injured workers whose employers have not secured payments	Workers' Comp Board	Resolve 40	1/30/14 to LCED Committee*

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Report on amended rules regarding odor management standards	Department of Environmental Protection	Resolve 43	3/30/14 to ENR Committee
Report on vulnerabilities of State's transmission infrastructure	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 45	1/20/14 to EUT Committee*
Report on plan for regulation reform of consumer-owned water utilities	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 47	1/31/14 to EUT Committee*
Review of snowmobile trail fund	Dept. of Agriculture, Cons & Forestry	Resolve 48	12/4/13 to ACF Committee*
Study options for administration of high school equivalency exams	Dept. of Education	Resolve 49	10/1/13 to EDU Committee
Report on domestic violence on tribal lands	Attorney General	Resolve 51	1/15/14 to JUD Committee*
Review of temporary campground regulations	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 55	1/1/14 to HHS Committee
Report on registration process of recovery agencies for tissue and organ donation	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 58	1/1/14 to HHS Committee*
Study issues with private railroad crossings	Department of Transportation	Resolve 59	2/1/14 to JUD Committee*
Report on development of standards and guidelines for new school construction and the use of pesticides	Departments of Education and Bd. of Pesticides Control	Resolve 63	3/15/14 to EDU & ACF Committees
Report on demonstration project regarding transportation of logs and wood biomass	Departments of Transportation, Public Safety and Sec. of State	Resolve 64	Upon request to TRA Committee*
Report on assessment of Maine Code of Military Justice with regard to sexual trauma	Adjutant General	Resolve 66	2/14/14 to VLA Committee*
Work group to review prescribing medications for children with attention deficit disorder	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 68	1/15/14 to HHS Committee
Report on veteran-to-farmer training pilot program	Department of Ag, Cons & For; UM Cooperative Extension & others	Resolve 69	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Report extension on system of care plan for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism	Department of Health & Human Services	Resolve 73	12/15/13 to HHS Committee*
Review of unfunded education mandates	Department of Education	Resolve 74	1/10/14 to EDU Committee*
Report on school security	Department of Education	Resolve 76	1/15/14 to EDU Committee*
Report on elver fishery	Department of Marine Resources	Public Law 8	1/1/14 to MAR Committee*

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Report on first generation college students	UMS, CCS, MMA Boards of Trustees	Public Law 166	1/15/14 & Annually to EDU Committee*
Report on development of rules for seaweed harvesting	Department of Marine Resources	Public Law 169	1/31/14 to MAR Committee*
Report on rules for quarantine of forest products	Maine Forest Service	Public Law 196	1/15/13 to ACF Committee
Report on Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement	Office of Fiscal & Program Review	Public Law 200	1/15/14 to TAX Committee*
Report on reorganizing Title 23	Department of Transportation	Public Law 220	12/4/13 to TRA Committee
Study feasibility of a single type of gasoline for the State	Department of Environmental Protection	Public Law 221	12/4/13 to ENR Committee*
Review of requests to state agencies for public records and feasibility of centralized system	Attorney General	Public Law 229	1/5/14 to JUD Committee*
Report on taste testing events for on-premises liquor licensees	Department of Public Safety	Public Law 258	2/15/15 to VLA Committee*
Regulation of motorized recreational gold prospecting	Agencies may adopt rules	Public Law 260	ENR Committee 2 nd Session, 126 th Legislature*
Report on rules for payment of claims in long-term care insurance policies	Bureau of Insurance	Public Law 278	3/1/14 to IFW Committee
Wildlife Importation & Possession Task Force	Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife	Public Law 280	1/14/14 to IFW Committee*
Report on registration of pesticides fee revenue and grants funded by fees	Board of Pesticides Control	Public Law 290	2/15 Annually to ACF Committee*
Amend Government Evaluation Act review and analysis authority	NA	Public Law 307	SLG Committee 2 nd Session, 126 th Legislature*
Report on mercury-added lamp collection and recycling	Department of Environmental Protection	Public Law 315	1/15/14 Annually to ENR Committee*
Report on stocking of eastern brook trout in lakes and ponds	Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Public Law 358	1/15/14 to IFW Committee*
Task force on transition of BETR program to BETE program	Department of Finance and Administration	Public Law 368, Part K	12/1/13 to TAX Committee*

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Review governmental structure and operations	Director, Gov Office of Policy & Management	PL 368, Part F	9/30/13 to AFA Committee*
Independent feasibility study of Windam facility construction projects	Department of Corrections	PL 368, Part HH	2/1/14 to AFA and CJPS Committees
Review adults intellectual disabilities waiver rate reimbursement methodology	Department of Health & Human Services	PL 368, Part NN	1/15/14 to HHS Committee
Working group to review state mandates on municipalities	Department of Administrative & Financial Services	PL 368, Part WW	12/1/13 to AFA Committee*
Working group to review DOL business enterprise program	Director, Division for Blind & Visually Impaired	PL 368, Part BBB	12/1/13 to AFA Committee*
Report on new degree programs under Bring college to ME Program expansion	President, ME Community College System	PL 368, Part CCCCC-1	1/15/15 to EDU Committee
Report on program for adults returning to UMS to complete degree programs	Chancellor, U Maine System	PL 368, Part CCCCC-2	1/15/16 to EDU Committee
Report on results of Welcome Center Initiative pilot project	Commissioner, Department of Education	PL 368, Part CCCCC-3	1/15/15 to EDU Committee
Working Group on Adult Workforce Readiness	Department of Education	PL 368, Part HHHHH	1/2/14 to MWEF Committee*
Report on Maine Incumbent Worker Training Program pilot project	ME Community College	PL 368, Part JJJJJ	1/15/15 to LCED Committee
Study of Participating Local District Retirement Program and Consolidated Retirement Plan	MPERS	PL 391	1/15/14 to AFA Committee*
Report on income disclosure by Legislators and certain executive branch employees	Commission on Governmental Ethics & Election Practices staff	PL 401	2/1/14 to VLA Committee*
Report on reorganization of Dept. of Conservation into Dept. of Agriculture	Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	PL 405	11/1/13 & 2/1/14 to ACF Committee

*May report out a bill or recommend legislation.