

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Education and Cultural Affairs

Week of 3/28/2011 - 4/1/2011

Monday: 3/28/2011

10:00 AM MAINE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BRIEFING

1:00 PM FY12-FY13 BIENNIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION

L.D. 1043 Finance Authority of Maine
University of Maine System

2:00 PM WORK SESSION

L.D. 656 [Resolve, To Establish a Task Force on Franco-Americans](#)

L.D. 871 [An Act To Allow a 4-day School Week](#), Senator Sullivan

...authorizes a school administrative unit to use an alternative school calendar of 4 days of student instruction per week if that calendar provides for an amount of student instruction equivalent to that provided by a traditional school calendar.

L.D. 18 [An Act To Extend the School Year](#), Rep Edgecomb

...extends the school year from 180 days to 185 days a year.

Tuesday: 3/29/2011

NO MEETINGS

Wednesday: 3/30/2011

1:00 PM WORK SESSION

L.D. 911 [Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Establish the Great Works School Campus](#)

L.D. 982 [An Act To Create a Unified Board of Higher Education](#), Rep. Rotundo

L.D. 98 [Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Education To Adopt a Policy Regarding Management of Head Injuries in Youth Sports](#), Rep. Pilon

L.D. 306 [Resolve, Directing the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability To Make Recommendations To Find Efficiencies in Per-pupil Costs Associated with Interscholastic Activities](#), Rep. Beck

L.D. 903 [An Act To Allow a Student Attending Private School Access to Public School Cocurricular, Interscholastic and Extracurricular Activities](#), Rep. Picchiotti

...provides that a student enrolled in an equivalent instruction program in a private school that enrolls fewer than 30 students is eligible to participate in public school cocurricular, extracurricular and interscholastic activities.

L.D. 860 [An Act To Reduce Student Hunger](#), Senator Alford

...requires a public school in which at least 40% of the students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch to implement a federally subsidized summer food service program to provide meals to children during the summer months. The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules to implement the program. The bill also requires each public school to develop a written plan to enroll students who are eligible in the summer food service program.

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3:00 PM **FY12-FY13 BIENNIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION**
L.D. 1043 Department of Education Programs To Be Determined

Thursday: 3/31/2011

1:00 PM **AFA / EDU BIENNIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION**
L.D. 1043 DOE Report on CDS System
Language Part GGG

Meeting will occur at State House Room 228

Friday: 4/1/2011

9:00 AM **WORK SESSION**

L.D. 404 [An Act To Assist School Administrative Units in Providing Health Insurance to Their Employees](#), Rep. Nelson

...allows a school administrative unit to request from its insurer loss information on its employees pursuant to the Maine Insurance Code as part of the competitive bidding process in procuring health insurance for the unit's employees.

L.D. 619 [An Act To Allow School Administrative Units and Educational Advisory Organizations To Participate in the State's Group Health Plan](#), Senator Rosen

provides that employees of school administrative units and educational advisory organizations are eligible to participate in the group health plan that is available to state employees and other eligible persons.

10:30 AM **WORK SESSION**

L.D. 776 [An Act To Create a Fair Process for Energy Service Companies Contracting with Maine Schools](#), Rep. Richardson

...removes provisions of law that allow school administrative units to use a process other than a competitive bid process in selecting energy service providers for the design, installation, operation, maintenance and financing of energy conservation or combined energy conservation and air quality improvements. This bill requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to adopt by rule a model contract for these services.

L.D. 782 [An Act To Expand Competitive Bidding for Energy Service Contracts with Schools](#), Rep. Wintle

...provides that school projects for the design, installation, operation, maintenance and financing of energy conservation or combined energy conservation and air quality improvements at existing school administrative unit facilities are subject to competitive bidding requirements.

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