

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY  
THE 2ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 125TH LEGISLATURE (2012)**

**Interim Studies and Short-term Committees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Maine Care Redesign Task Force	PL 657, Part T	11/15/12 to AFA and HHS Committees
Maine Economic Improvement Fund Task Force	PL 698	1/8/13 to LCED
Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities	PL 699	1/15/14 to VLA Comm*
Task Force on Franco-Americans (amended)	RES 119	12/15/12 to EDU Comm*
Task Force Promote Expansion of Maine Maple Sugar Industry	RES 132	12/4/12 to ACF Comm*
Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children	RES 162	11/7/12 to HHS Comm*
Independent Review Advisory Committee	RES 166	4/1/13 & 12/1/13 to EDU Comm*
Education Committee Develop RFP and Contract for Independent Review of Essential Programs & Services Model	RES 166	NA

**New Ongoing Board or Commission**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Maine Apprenticeship Council	PL 491	NA
Maine Educator Effectiveness Council	PL 635	11/12/12 to EDU Comm.
State Council for Juvenile Supervision	PL 676	NA

**Revised Exiting Board or Commission**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Revised By</b>	
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	PL 2003, Ch 699	PL 468	Provides funding for admin support
Homeland Security Advisory Council	PL 2005, Ch. 634	PL 529	Revised membership
Maine Charter School Commission	20-A MRSA § 2405	PL 570	Changes name and membership

Maine Wild Mushroom Harvesting Advisory Committee	22 MRSA § 2175	PL 587	Revised duties
Pull Events Commission	PL 2005, Ch. 563	PL 487	Revised membership
Quality Assurance Review Committee	PL 2001, Ch. 362	PL 495	Revised organization & reporting
State Council for Adult Offender Supervision	PL 2003, Ch. 706	PL 676	Revised title and apts.
State Workforce Investment Board	26 MRSA § 2006	PL 627	Renamed and revised duties

### **New or Revised Board or Commission Requiring Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointments**

<b>Name</b>	<b>...Authorized By</b>	<b>Revised By</b>	
Efficiency Maine Trust	35-A MRSA § 10103	PL 637	Revised Trust
Maine Board of Tax Appeals	PL 694 (new)		
Maine Land Use Planning Commission	12 MRSA §683-A	PL 682	Changed name (LURC), purpose and scope
Maine State Housing Authority	30-A MRSA § 4723	PL 560	Revised organization
State Fire Marshal	25 MRSA § 2396	PL 655 Part WWW (new confirmable)	Revised appointment of Fire Marshall

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Conducted By</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Interim ACF committee meetings on establishment of Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	ACF Committee	Legislative Council	NA
Stakeholder group to examine financial issues by water utilities	PUC	P & S 26	2/15/13 to EUT Comm*
Review of Colorado's Sex Offender Management Board	Sex Offender Risk Assessment Advisory Commission	PL 663	1/5/13 to CJPS Comm*
Development of model charter to establish St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission	DECD	PL 165	12/5/12 to LCED*
Adult developmental services working group	DHHS	PL 477, Part W	Final Report 7/1/13 to AFA & HHS Comm
Report on the effect of change in number of employment weeks for an employer to be charged for unemployment benefits	DOL	PL 499	12/15/13 to LCED Comm*

Report on coordination of efforts to identify veterans who may be entitled to additional benefits	DHHS & DVEM	PL 539	2/15/13 to HHS & VLA Comms*
Review proposed development of integrated criminal alert network for scrap metal thefts	Dept Public Safety	PL 545	1/15/13 to LCED Comm*
Report on efficiency of marketing efforts and strategies by state agencies	DECD	PL 563	2/1/13 to LCED Comm*
Review of labor relations between agricultural certain agricultural employees	Dept of Labor	PL 565	1/15/17 to LCED Comm*
Development of voluntary fishery product inspection program	Dept Marine Resources	PL 567	1/15/13 to MAR Comm*
Report on production, distribution and sales of seed potatoes 2010 to 2012	ME Potato Board	PL 579	1/15/13 to ACF Comm
Report on implementation of dental adjudicatory panel system	Bd of Dental Examiners	PL 581	1/15/14 to LCED Comm*
Report on transparency in electricity rates and assessments	PUC	PL 590	2/15/13 to ENR Comm*
Report on regulation of liquid fertilizers	Dept of Agriculture	PL 607	1/15/13 TO ACF Comm*
Review and certification of farmland	Dept of Agriculture	PL 608	NA*
Reestablish ME-NH Interstate Bridge Authority	DOT	PL 610	12/16/12 to TRA Comm*
Review on prevention, education & treatment activities concerning unhealthy weight and obesity	DAFS & DHHS	PL 617	10/1/12 to Legislature
Review Unhealthy Weight and Obesity	Depts. of DAFS & HHS	PL 617	10/1/12 to Legislature
Report on findings from periodic random sampling of land enrolled under tree growth tax law	Bureau of Forestry	PL 619	3/1/14 to TAX Comm
Report on transition of Technical building Codes and Standards Board to State Fire Marshal's Office	Office of State Fire Marshal	PL 633	1/15/14 to LCED Comm*
Alternative certification working group	State Bd. of Education	PL 635	11/1/12 to EDU Comm*
Report on assessment of Efficiency Maine Trust's effectiveness in delivering natural gas conservation programs	Office of Energy Independence	PL 637	1/15/13 to ENR Comm
Report on efficient heating equipment	Efficiency Maine Trust	PL 637	3/31/13 to ENR Comm
Report on pilot program to measure effectiveness of efficient electric heating systems	PUC	PL 637	1/15/14 to ENR Comm
Study regarding review by bail commissioners for domestic violence arrests	Judicial	PL 640	1/30/13 to CJPS Comm*
Agency Audit finding data for 2012	DOL & Workers' Comp Bd.	PL 643	6/2/14 to LCED Comm
Review of implementation of independent contractor criteria	DOL & Workers' Comp Bd.	PL 643	2/1/13 to LCED Comm
Report on enrollment in electrical education programs	DPFR	PL 650	2/1/14 to LCED Comm*
Stakeholder group to develop a public school choice model	DOE	PL 651	1/14/13 to EDU Comm*
Review of Maine Public Broadcasting Network	DAFS	PL 655, Part BBB	9/15/12 to AFA Comm*
Report on implementation of integration of training and certification of code enforcement officers	DECD	PL 655, Part FF	11/15/12 to LCED Comm*

Work group to identify savings to support positions to provide services to blind & visually impaired children and adults	DOE, DOL	PL 655, Part FFF	9/15/12 to AFA, EDU, LCED Comms
General assistance pilot program	DHHS	PL 655, Part R	6/30/13 to AFA & HHS Comms
General assistance working group	DHHS	PL 655, Part R	12/1/12 to AFA & HHS Comms*
Review current organizational structure & operations	DHHS Commissioner	PL 657, Part FF	12/1/12 & 6/30/13 to AFA & HHS Comms
Develop legislation re "New Pension Plan Design and Implementation Plan" report	MPERS (& working group) (may request Council assistance)	PL 657, Part J	AFA Comm may submit legislation*
Report on laws regarding payment of overtime to truck drivers and helpers	DOL	PL 681	1/15/14 to LCED Comm
Review of income tax checkoff	DAFS, Revenue Services	PL 685	1/15/17 to TAX Comm*
Dig safe work group	Public Advocate & PUC	PL 588	1/15/13 to ENR Comm*
Report on cost responsibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing students receiving services	DOE, GBSC & MECDHH	PL 683	2/15/13 to EDU Comm*
Development of Pilot Project for Tax Simulation Model for State Dynamic Fiscal Analysis	Bureau of Revenue Services	RES 114	11/15/12 to TAX Comm*
Working Group to Study Multidistrict Online Learning Options in Maine	Dept. of Education	RES 116	1/4/13 to EDU Comm*
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Review Laws and Policies Related to Discontinued and Abandoned Roads	Dept. of Conservation	RES 120	1/15/13 to SLG Comm*
Stakeholder Group on Discontinued and Abandoned Roads	Dept. of Conservation	RES 120	1/15/13 to SLG Comm*
Working Group on an All-payor Claims Database System (rept. deadline extended)	DHHS	RES 121	12/1/12 to HHS Comm*
Stakeholder Group for Development of Plan for Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves	Bureau of ME Veterans' Services, DDVEM	RES 126	1/15/13 to VLA Comm*
Streamline Forester Licensing Requirements	Board of Licensure of Foresters, DPFR	RES 130	12/18/12 to ACF Comm*
Study voter Participation & Registration & Conduct of Elections	Sec. of State	RES 133	2/1/13 to VLA Comm
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Review Rules Governing Reimbursement to MaineCare Recipients for Transportation	DHHS	RES 142	NA
Refinements to MaineCare policies regarding students in school-based settings	DHHS & DOE	RES 145	3/30/12 & 6/12 to EDU & HHS Comms
Study of Feasibility of an East-west Highway	DOT	RES 147	1/15/13 to TRA Comm

Study of the Feasibility of and East-west Highway	Dept. of Transportation	RES 147	1/15/13 to TRA Comm
Development of Maine Prosperity Action Plan of 2012	ME Economic Growth Council	RES 148	12/5/12 to LCED Comm*
Report on Bangor Hydro Co exemption and reorganization	PUC	RES 154	12/15/12 to EUT Comm
Report on strategies to combat fraud and abuse of EBT cards to access Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	DHHS	RES 155	12/1/12 to HHS Comm
Work Group to Review of Strategies to Improve Communication between Patients and Physicians	DHHS, Ctr for Disease Control	RES 159`	12/7/12 to HHS Comm
Development of Legislation to Establish a Presidential Primary	VLA Committee	RES 164	12/1/12*
Response Team to facilitate the Redevelopment of unoccupied Mills and Unoccupied Buildings	DECD	RES 167	2/1/13 to LCED, AFA Comms*

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