

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY THE 2nd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 127TH LEGISLATURE (2016)**

Name	Authorized/Revised By	Due Date
<b><u>New Legislative Studies and Commissions</u></b>		
Commission to Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Biomass	Resolve 2015, c. 85	Dec. 6, 2016 to ACF and EUT
*Commission to Reform Public Education Funding and Improve Student Performance	PL 2015, c. 389	Jan. 10, 2017 and 2018 to Governor and EDU
*Feasibility Working Group Implementation Committee	PL 2015, c. 484	Dec. 15, 2016 to HHS
Recodification and Revision of Probate Code	Resolve 2015, c. 73	Jan. 15, 2017 to JUD
Task Force on Public Private Partnerships to Support Public Education	Resolve 2015, c. 89	Jan. 15, 2017 to EDU
Working Group to Study Child Care Background Checks	H.P. 1167	Nov. 2, 2016 to the Legislature
*York County Courthouse Selection Commission	PL 2015, c. 468	Jan. 1, 2017 to Supreme Judicial Court

<b><u>Ongoing Studies, Boards and Commissions</u></b>		
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA §11	
*Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board (formerly the Oil Spill Advisory Committee)	PL 2015, c. 319, §568-B	April 15, 2015 then biennially to ENR
*Commission to End Student Hunger	PL 2015, c. 267, Part CCC	Jan. 10th Annually to EDU
Judicial Compensation Commission	4 MRSA §1701	
*Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council	PL 2015, c. 203	Jan. 1st Annually to HHS and IFS
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA §411 / Public Law 250	Jan. 15th Annually
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA §12901	Nov. 1st Annually to EDU, LCED, MWEF Committees

*\*Non-Legislative Boards and Studies Requiring Legislative Appointments*

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**Directs a Department, Office or Committee to Conduct a Study, Review or Report - 127th Legislature**

<b>Department/Office/Committee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Bureau of Forestry	Spruce budwork management program activities - Report	PL 2015, c. 314	Annually to ACF
Bureau of General Services	Waivers from the established competitive bidding provisions - Report	PL 2015, c. 179	Jan. 15 annually to SLG
Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services	Recommendations to ensure equity in the benefits provided to military service members	Resolve 2015, c. 19	First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Update on the voluntary restricted license decal program - Report	PL 2015, c. 113	Feb. 1, 2017 to TRA
ConnectME Authority	Grants distributed from the fund and an analysis of the fund's activities that have addressed the need for expansion of ultra high-speed broadband access in the state. - Report	PL 2015, c.323	Dec. 15, 2016 then annually to EUT
Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Task force to ensure integrity in the use of service animals - Report	Resolve 2015, c. 36	Dec. 2, 2015 to ACF
Department of Corrections	Positions Transfers Report	PL 2015, c. 267, Sec. JJ	Quarterly to CJPS
Department of Corrections	Report on the mandatory standards, policies and procedures for jails adopted pursuant to section 1208-B and the status of funding for the jails from the County Jail Operations Fund.	PL 2015, c. 335	Jan. 15, 2016 then annually to CJPS
Department of Education	Advisory Group to Design the Digital Content Library established under MRS 20-A, c. 805 - Recommendations	PL 2015, c.372	Jan. 15, 2016 to EDU
Department of Education	Maine Proficiency Education Council Report	Resolve 2015, c. 41	Jan. 1, 2016 to EDU
Department of Education	Measures to ensure support for students' financial literacy - Annual report	PL 2015, c. 64	Jan. 13, 2016 to EDU
Department of Education	Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas and Standards-based Student Learning - Report	PL 2015, c. 367	Jan. 15, 2017 then annually to EDU
Department of Environmental Protection	Surface water ambient toxic monitoring program ( <i>revised</i> ) - Report	PL 2015, c. 124	April 30th of the First Regular Session to MAR and ENR
Department of Environmental Protection	Thermostat Collection, Recycling and Disposal - Report	PL 2015, c. 83	Feb. 15, 2016 to ENR

Department of Health & Human Services	Seclusion and restraint at Mental Health institutions in the state - Report	PL 2015, c. 266	Jan. 1st annually to HHS
Department of Health & Human Services	Efforts to reach in rural areas persons who are elderly, disabled or mentally ill - Report	Resolve 2015, c. 18	Jan. 1, 2016 to HHS
Department of Health & Human Services	Rate Study - Report	PL 2015, c. 267, Part AA	Jan. 1, 2016 to HHS
Department of Health & Human Services	Reimbursement levels at residential care facilities and demonstration project in Washington County - Report	Resolve 2015, c. 31	Jan. 15, 2016 to HHS
Department of Health & Human Services	Stakeholder Group re: methadone treatment criteria, prior approval, and treatment services - report	PL 2015, c. 267, Part SS	Dec. 1, 2015 to HHS
Department of Health & Human Services	Strategy to ensure that MaineCare-eligible children have equal access to providers of dental, hearing and vision services.	Resolve 2015, c. 30	Jan. 15, 2016 to HHS
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Stakeholder group to develop recommendations for a 5-year public outreach campaign - Report	PL 2015, c. 245	Feb. 1, 2016 to IFW
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Stocking of inland waters in the state - Progress report	Resolve 2015, c. 53	Feb. 1, 2016 to IFW
Department of Labor	Report assessing the status of the inclusion of public secondary schoolstudents enrolled in a career and technical education program at a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region in the Competetive Skills Scholarship Program	PL 2015, c. 257	Jan. 1st, 2019 to LCED
Department of Transportation	Public Transit Advisory Council - Recommendations and report	PL 2015, c. 182	March 1st of odd numbered years to TRA and HHS
Department of Transportation	Road conditions due to overlimit allowances ( <i>revised</i> ) - Report	PL 2015, c.119	2nd Regular Session of 127th Legislature initial report to TRA. First Regular Session of 128th Legislature final report to TRA
Education Research Institute	Study of the use of social impact bonds as a funding mechanism for public education programs in Maine - Report	Resolve 2015, c. 52	Dec. 2, 2015 to EDU

Efficiency Maine Trust	Stakeholder group report on alternatives for promoting and securing cost-effective gas conservation and efficiency improvements for large volume consumers of gas utilities	Resolve 2015, c. 39	Dec. 31, 2015 to EUT
Efficiency Maine Trust	Study of options for a state demand response program - Report	Resolve 2015, c. 14	Feb. 1, 2016 to EUT
Emergency Medical Services' Board	Report summarizing the work and progress during the previous calendar year of each pilot project.	PL 2015, c. 92	Jan. 30th annually to CJPS and LCED
Finance Authority of Maine, Board of Directors (revised)	Annual Activities and Operations Report	PL 2015, c. 170	Annually to EDU
Judicial Branch	Study of court facility needs	PL 2015, c. 267, Part G	Jan. 1, 2017 to JUD
Maine Arts Commission, Maine Historic Preservation Commission & Maine State Museum Commission	Study to replace statues in the national statuary hall collection - Report	Resolve 2015, c. 51	Jan. 15, 2016 to EDU
Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse	Review on pretrial and post-conviction use of batterer's intervention programs	Resolve 2015, c. 15	Jan. 1, 2016 to CJPS
Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, Board of Trustees	Quarterly Financial Statements & Annual Board Reports	PL 2015, c. 363	Quarterly to EDU and AFA. Annual to EDU and AFA
Maine State Housing Authority	Affordable Housing Working Group	PL 2015, c. 267, Part QQQQ	Dec. 1, 2015 to AFA and LCED
Public Higher Education Systems Coordinating Committee	Promote efficiency, cooperative effort and strategic planning between the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System - Recommendations and report	PL 2015, c. 261	Feb. 15th annually to EDU
Public Safety	Report containing the number of instances in which an unmanned aerial vehicle has been deployed by any law enforcement agency in the State.	PL 2015, c.307	July 1, 2016 then annually to the Legislature
Public Utilities Commission	Adoption and implementation of standardized dispatch protocols for answering 9-1-1 calls - Report	PL 2015, c. 230	Jan. 15, 2019 to EUT
Public Utilities Commission	Stakeholder report on developing an alternative to net energy billing	Resolve 2015, c. 37	Jan. 30, 2016 to EUT

Riverview Psychiatric Center	Report various data points	PL 2015, c.16, Sec. G-1	April 15, May 15, and June 15 2015 to AFA and HHS
State Fire Marshall and Chief of Maine State Police	Recommendations on the safety of motorized farm rides provided for a fee to the public - Report	Resolve 2015, c. 32	Feb. 1, 2016 to TRA and CJPS