

LD 158 **An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions**
To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
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SUMMARY

This bill eliminates boards and commissions that did not file annual reports with the Secretary of State in either 2018 or 2019 or that filed a report that indicated inactivity for 2018 and 2019. The boards and commissions being eliminated are:

1. Advisory Committee on Truancy, Dropouts and Alternative Education
2. Advisory Committee on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise
3. Maine Biomedical Research Board
4. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board
5. Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority
6. Pollution Prevention and Small Business Assistance Advisory Panel
7. Prison Industries Advisory Council
8. Regulatory Fairness Board
9. State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force
10. Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council.

TESTIMONY

Sponsor: Representative Tuell – this is a housekeeping bill left over from the early adjournment of the 129th

Proponents – written only: Maine Policy Institute

Opponents – as to specific boards/commissions

Re: State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force – Rep. Seth Berry; USM, by Samantha Warren

Re: Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council - American Cancer Society Cancer Action

Network; American Heart Association; and former lobbyist of American Lung Association of Maine

NFNA: Ken Capron

POTENTIAL ISSUES / TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

None identified at this time.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

See attached Summary.

FISCAL IMPACT - Preliminary (OFPR)

None provided at this time

| | BOARD/COMMISSION | FILED 2018 & 2019 REPORTS | FILED 2020 REPORT | REPORTED ACTIVITY /MEETINGS EXPLANATION |
|----|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | Advisory Committee For Truancy, Dropout and Alternative Education | YES | NO | Inactive; did not meet (last meeting - 2016) |
| 2 | Advisory Committee On Fair Competition with Private Enterprise Testimony to keep -Nat'l Federation of Independent Business | YES | YES | Inactive; has not met since 2013; no complaints filed |
| 3 | Maine Biomedical Research Board DECD Letter to eliminate | YES | YES | Not funded or active in 8 years |
| 4 | Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board | YES | YES | Active has not met since 2014 |
| 5 | Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority (MDOT letter to eliminate) | YES | YES | Inactive; has not met since 2015 |
| 6 | Pollution Prevention and Small Business Assistance Advisory Panel | YES | YES | Inactive; funds cut in 2012; last met in 2015; Board replaced by electronic notifications |
| 7 | Prison Industries Advisory Council | YES | YES | Inactive; has not met since 2012 |
| 8 | Regulatory Fairness Board Testimony to keep from Nat'l Federation of Independent Business | YES | YES | Inactive; has not met since 2016; lack of quorum |
| 9 | State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force (testimony to keep from Rep Seth Berry and Samantha Warren, UMS | YES | YES | Inactive; have not met since 2014; members have not been appointed to vacancies |
| 10 | Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council (testimony to keep from American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network; American Heart Association; former lobbyist for American Lung Association) | YES | YES | Active and met in 2020 |

| | BOARD/COMMISSION | INVITED TO COMMENTⁱ | MEMBERSHIP / APPOINTMENT |
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| 1 | Advisory Committee For Truancy, Dropout and Alternative Education | MDOE | MDE Commissioner appoints |
| 2 | Advisory Committee On Fair Competition with Private Enterprise | DAFS DECD | Chair, DAFS Commissioner DECD Commissioner, member Gov appoints 1 from MDE/MCCS/ UMS |
| 3 | Maine Biomedical Research Board | DECD | DECD Commissioner Gov appoints others |
| 4 | Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board | OAG DSP | Attorney General, Chief of State Police, DA, US Attorney |
| 5 | Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority | MDOT | Created in 1937 by P&SL |
| 6 | Pollution Prevention and Small Business Assistance Advisory Panel | DEP | Appointments by Gov, President, Speaker, Minority Leaders DOL and MEMA ex officio members |
| 7 | Prison Industries Advisory Council | DOC | Appointed by DOC Commissioner |
| 8 | Regulatory Fairness Board | SOS | SOS, Chair President / Speaker / Gov appoint |
| 9 | State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force | MDOE | MDE Commissioner, member DOL Commissioner, member President / Speaker / Gov appoint |
| 10 | Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Council | DHHS | DHHS administers program President / Speaker / Gov appoint |

ⁱ Governor's Office invited to comment on all