

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY  
THE 2ND REGULAR & 1<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL SESSIONS THE 123RD LEGISLATURE (2008)**

**Interim Studies and Short-term Committees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Criminal Justice committee Study on Issues Related to Sex Offender Registration Laws	JO, SP 933	11/5/08 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Reg. Session, 124 <sup>th</sup> Legislature
Commission to Review Short-term and Long-term Costs in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	PL 539	11/5/08 to AFA Committee
Committee to Study the Protection of Farms and Farmland	PL 649	11/5/08 to ACF Committee
Agriculture Committee Review of Recommendations of the Agricultural Creative Economy Study	PL 660	Not specified
Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Long-term Home-based and Community-based Care	Resolve 209	12/15/08 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Reg. Session, 124 <sup>th</sup> Legislature

**New Ongoing Committees and Boards (and revised existing Boards and Committees)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Prison Industries Advisory Council (DOC Commissioner to appoint)	PL 503	Annually to DOC Commissioner and CRJ Committee
Maine Small Business & Entrepreneurship Commission (Revised)	PL 585	Annually 1/15 to BRED Committee
Statewide Homeless Council (Revised)	PL 600	
Shellfish Advisory Council (Commissioner appoints members)	PL 606	2/15/09 to MAR Committee
Mental Health Homicide, Suicide and Aggravated Assault Review Board	PL 609	1/30/99 Biennially to HHS Committee
Subcommittee on Denturists); Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists (Revised)	PL 620	
Maine Individual Reinsurance Association Board of Directors (Superintendent and licensed insurers to make appointments)	PL 629, Chapter 54	3/15 Annually to IFS Committee*
Maine Council on Poverty and Economic Security	PL 641	2/15 Annually to Legislature and Governor
Energy Resources Council (Revised)	PL 656	
Railroad Crossing Information Council (Governor to appoint 4 members)	PL 657	
Alternative Education Advisory Committee (Revised)	PL 667	Annually 2/1 to EDU Committee
Maine Regulatory Fairness Board (Revised)	PL 676	

Legislative Youth Advisory Council (Revised)	PL 679	Biennially 1 <sup>st</sup> business day of Feb. to Legislative Council
Maine Children's Growth Council	PL 683	1/15/10 Biennially to DHHS, Governor, Children's Cabinet and Legislature
Allagash Wilderness Waterway Advisory Council (Revised)	PL 695, Part A	
Maine Pilotage Commission (Revised)	PL 695, Part B	
Technical Building Codes and Standards Board (Governor to appoint 11 members)	PL 699	Beginning 12/31/10 Annually to BRED Committee
We Support Our Troops Advisory Board (Governor to appoint 8 members)	PL 703	Annually 6/30 to TRA Committee
Saxl Park Advisory Committee (Appointed by Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center)	Resolve 201	

**New Ongoing Committees and Boards Requiring Confirmation (and revised existing Boards and Commissions)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
State Board of Education (Revised)	PL 528, PL 572, PL 695, Part A	
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (Revised)	PL 571	
Marine Resources Advisory Council (Revised)	PL 615	
Land Use Regulation Commission (Revised)	PL 617	
State Board of Corrections (Confirmed by CRJ Committee, Senate)	PL 653	
Marine Resources Advisory Council (Revised)	PL 695, Part K	
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (Revised)	PL 697	
Workers' Compensation Board (Revised)	Resolve 208	

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Study group to review municipal serve charges for tax-exempt property	State Tax Assessor	PL 146	12/15/08 to TAX Committee*
Review and enhancement of Maine's cultural assets	ME Cultural Affairs Council	PL 182	1/31/09 to EDU Committee*
Develop recommendations for funding of Dept. of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police	Governor or Governor-elect	PL 537	Bureau of State Police 1/30/09 to TRA Committee
Review cost of dispensing medication in the State	Office of MaineCare Services	PL 539, Part HH	Biennially to HHS & AFA Committees
Review interim spent nuclear fuel storage facility	Public Advocate Office, Dept. of Public Safety, DEP, and others	PL 539, Part KK-8	Annually 2/15 to NAT Committee
Working group regarding developing of fair rent structure for leasing submerged lands	Bureau of Public Lands	PL 540	10/22/08 to ACF Committee
Review Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund	DOE	PL 541	1/15/09 to TAX Committee*
Review current law relating to life settlements	Bureau of Insurance	PL 543	3/1/09 to IFS Committee*
Review and development of opportunities for individuals with disabilities to be employed by the State	Bureau of Human Resources	PL 551	3/1/09 Biennially to SLG and LAB Committees and Governor*
Review and evaluate Lyme disease	ME Center for Disease Control and Prevention	PL 561	2/1/09 Annually to HHS Committee*
Status of public reserved land open to hunting	BPL and Dept of IFW	PL 564	Annually 3/1 to ACF Committee
Study abatement of water quality problems	DHHS, DEP, DMR & SPO	PL 568	1/15/09 to NAT Committee
Development of system for solid waste management and recycling standards	DEP	PL 583	1/5 and 1/15/09 to NAT Committee*
Review cost of dispensing medication in the State	Office MaineCare Services	PL 590	Biennially to JJS and AFA Committees
Evaluation of strategies to diminish impact of private roads on lake water quality	DEP	PL 593	1/15/09 to NAT Committee
Report on health care-associated infection quality data	Maine Quality Forum	PL 594	1/30/09 to HHS Committee
Review for need to make changes to MRSA 32, ch 80-B with regard to foreclosures	Superintends of Consumer Credit Protection and of Financial Institutions	PL 596	3/1/09 to IFS Committee
Overview of Public Access Ombudsman activities	Public Access Ombudsman	PL 603	3/15 Annually to Legislature
Review development on federal and state protection of children from lead poisoning from toys and products	DHHS	PL 604	1/15/10 to HHS Committee*
Review voluntary renewable energy market set-aside	DEP	PL 608	1/15/10 to UTE Committee

Identification of income tax revenues related to historic preservation expenditures tax credit	State Tax Assessor	PL 614	1/15/09 to TAX Committee*
Review safe housing with regard to lead hazards and eliminating childhood lead poisoning	DEP, DHHS and MSHA	PL 628, Part C	1/1/09 to HHS and NAT Committees*
Consideration of legislative and independent oversight of the Fund for Healthy Maine	HHS Committee	PL 629, Part H	10/1/08 to AFA Committee
Review of effects of revisions of ethics and election changes – MRSA 1 & 21-A	Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	PL 642	1/15/08 to LVA Committee*
Stakeholder group to develop protocol on designation of priority chemicals with regard to toxic chemicals in children's products	DEP	PL 643	
Design of a leadership and entrepreneurial development program	DECD and others	PL 644	3/1/09 to BRED Committee
Study barriers to access to audiologists for evaluation of hearing loss in newborns	Newborn Hearing Program	PL 646	To HHS Committee
Evaluate impact on roads and bridges of axle weight tolerance for vehicles used to haul forest products and potatoes	DOT and State Police	PL 652	1/15/13 to TRA Committee
Review dissemination of confidential information of teaching certificates	Office of Policy and Legal Analysis	PL 666	11/5/08 to EDU Committee
Review results of referenda votes on proposed reorganization plans of school administrative units	DOE	PL 668 *	12/15/08 to EDU Committee
Review administration of the relief from disabilities provision to regain the ability to possess a firearm	Dept. of Public Safety	PL 670	1/15/09 to CRJ Committee*
Monitor opportunities for development of wind energy and resources by State agencies and others	Office of Energy Independence and Security	PL 671	1/15/09 UTE Committee*
Study need to continue the mobile Veterans Services Officer position	DDVEM	PL 678	1/15/09 to AFA and LVA Committees
Working group on human trafficking	Attorney General	PL 684, Part F	1/15/10 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reg. Session of 124 <sup>th</sup> Legislature
Criminal Code Revision Commission	CRJ, JUD, AFA Committees to establish	PL 684, Part G	3/1/09 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Reg. Session of 124 <sup>th</sup> Legislature*
Analyze effectiveness of tax credit provided to attract dentists to underserved areas	Oral Health Program	PL 690	3/1/11 to TAX Committee*
Monitor and report on clam flat status notification	Dept. of Marine Resources	PL 692	3/1/10 to MAR Committee
Status of future of the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta	Bureau of General Services, Director	Resolve 151	2/1/09 to SLG Committee*
Study effect of security breaches in Maine	Bureau of Financial Institutions	Resolve 152	12/1/08 to IFS Committee

Work group to evaluate Maine combined bill demonstration project	Insurance carriers, hospitals, MHA and others	Resolve 155	1/15/09 to HHS Committee
Establish a program regarding education youth about voting	Sec. of State and Legislative Youth Advisory Council	Resolve 164	3/1/09 to LVA Committee*
Study gas and electric utilities with respect to public safety	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 168	11/5/08 to UTE Committee*
Workgroup to review resources to families of children with disabilities	ME Developmental Disabilities Council	Resolve 171	1/31/09 to EDU Committee*
Stakeholder group to review curriculum requirements & standards for high school diplomas	Dept. of Education	Resolve 173	1/30/09 to EDU Committee
Review Maine's cultural community and increase visibility of council (MSCAC)	ME State Cultural Affairs Council	Resolve 182	1/31/09 to EDU Committee*
Review net energy billing for customers of transmission and distribution utilities	PUC	Resolve 183	1/15/08 to UTE Committee*
Study feasibility of a public dock on Mooselookmeguntic Lake	Dept. of Conservation	Resolve 184	NA
Analysis and Identification of areas with children of high-risk of blood lead levels	DHHS	Resolve 186	1/15/09 to HHS Committee. Annually thereafter.
Study statewide market for forest products harvesting and hauling	Attorney General	Resolve 189	1/15/09 to ACF Committee*
Deer Predation Working Group	Dept. of IFW	Resolve 191	1/5/09 to IFW Committee*
Review and plan regarding alternative structure to hold and expand transmission assets of investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities	PUC	Resolve 193	1/15/09 to UTE Committee*
Pilot project for implementing a multipayer patient-centered medical home	Office of Health Policy & DHHS	Resolve 195	1/15/09 to HHS Committee
Review of measures currently in place to support and protect victims and potential victims of domestic violence	Dept. of Public Safety	Resolve 196	12/10/08 to CRF Committee*
Review of Maine Tree Growth Tax Law issues	Maine Forest Service	Resolve 197	1/15/09 to TAX Committee*
Study establishing a quality improvement & technology fund	Maine Quality Forum & HealthInfoNet	Resolve 198	12/1/08 to HHS Committee*
Work group to develop and establish a uniform statewide protocol for screening children for signs of autism	DOE and DHHS	Resolve 200	1/15/09 to EDU and HHS Committees*
Review dog and cat breeding facilities	Dept. of Agriculture	Resolve 203	1/15/09 to ACF Committee*
Working group to examine municipal boundaries, jurisdictions and parameters for future development in Saco Bay	Old Orchard Beach and Saco	Resolve 204	1/15/09 to SLG Committee*
Working Group to Develop Options for Long-germ Funding	DHHS	Resolve 206	1/15/09 to HHS Committee*

for the Northern New England Poison Center			
Study Ways to Increase Access to After-school Programs	DHHS and DOE	Resolve 211	1/15/09 to EDU Committee*
Investigate possibility of expanding cellular telephone service in certain rural areas	DAFS	Resolve 212	1/15/09 to AFA Committee*
Study feasibility of locating a border crossing in the St. John River Valley	DOT	Resolve 213	
Conduct Updated Study of the Feasibility of Establishing a Single-payor Health Care System in the State	Qualified consultant - Legislature to seek outside grant funding	Resolve 216	12/3/08 to 1 <sup>st</sup> . Reg. Session of 124 <sup>th</sup> (HHS Committee*)
Study issues of residential contractor licensing	DPFR	Resolve 219	1/4/10 to BRED Committee*
Study methods for properly maintaining natural science collections	Maine State Museum Commission	Resolve 220	3/1/09 to EDU Committee*
Review Portland Identification and Early Referral program	DHHS	Resolve 221	1/15/09 to HHS Committee*
Preparation of audited financial state	Greater Portland Public Dev. Commission	Resolve 224	1 <sup>st</sup> Reg. Session to BRED Committee*
Pilot project for small wind power generators	Public Utilities Commission	Resolve 226	1/12/10 to UTE and AFA Committees

\*Group or Joint Standing Committee is authorized to submit legislation.