

§1461-B. Alternative organizational structure (This is the Maine statute that addresses the formation of an AOS and the items required to be included in an AOS Interlocal Agreement. Please see highlights and notes.)

1. Notice of intent. A school administrative unit may file with the commissioner a notice of intent to engage in planning and negotiations with other school administrative units for the purpose of developing a reorganization plan to form an alternative organizational structure in accordance with this section.

[PL 2009, c. 580, §5 (NEW).]

2. Organization; procedures and parameters. An alternative organizational structure must be organized in accordance with the procedures and parameters applicable to regional school units as set forth in section 1461.

[PL 2009, c. 580, §5 (NEW).]

3. Submission, review and approval of plans for an alternative organizational structure. A school administrative unit may submit a reorganization plan to the commissioner to form an alternative organizational structure in order to comply with this chapter.

A. The commissioner may designate a school administrative unit as part of an alternative organizational structure if the commissioner finds that the proposed alternative organizational structure will result in:

- (1) Consolidation of system administration; **Page 1 of agreement**
- (2) Consolidation of special education administration, transportation administration and administration of business functions, including accounting, reporting, payroll, financial management, purchasing insurance and auditing; **Page 1 of agreement**
- (3) Adoption of a core curriculum and procedures for standardized testing and assessment aligned with the system of learning results established in section 6209; **Page 7, item "M"**
- (4) Adoption of a plan for both consistent school policies and school calendars; and **Page 7 items "K" and "Q". The school calendar was not consistent this year due to the exceptions and tasks required to address our fall reopening as we responded to the pandemic.**
- (5) Adoption of a plan for consistent collective bargaining agreements. [PL 2009, c. 580, §5 (NEW).] **Page 7, item "L"**

B. A plan for an alternative organizational structure must include an interlocal agreement under Title 30-A, chapter 115. The plan must include procedures for conducting a kindergarten to grade 12 budget approval pursuant to paragraph C. [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. VVVVV, §2 (AMD); PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. VVVVV, §14 (AFF).]

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