

**127th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW OF PROPOSED STUDIES  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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**PROPOSED STUDIES SUMMARY**

| Does it Conform to Rules and Council Policy?         |  |  |             |  |   |  |   |   |  |  |          |          |         |         |                |
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| Page #   | LD (or other)                          | Notes  | Policy Area | Study Name   | Purpose   | Membership   | Report Date(s)  | Staff   | Jt Rule and Council Policies   | Compensation and # mtgs.   | FY 2016  | FY 2017  | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | Funding Source |
| <b>General Fund Miscellaneous Studies - Proposed</b> |  |  |             |  |   |  |   |   |  |  |          |          |         |         |                |
| 1  | SP 533<br>House study table            | May seek outside funding                         | IFS         | The Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee   | Advise the Legislature regarding the interests of individuals and employers with respect to any exchange created for the State; serve as a liaison between any exchange and individuals and small business enrolled in the exchange; and evaluate the implementation and operation of any exchange.   | TOTAL: 19<br>Legis: 5<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 3<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | Preliminary report 12/4/2015;<br>Final report 11/5/2016 | Legislative Council staff during interims, but for no more than 4 meetings annually; may also contract for administrative, professional and clerical services | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Majority not legislators<br>•Size (13)<br>•Report date (Dec. 2)<br>•Staff | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings (at least 4 - chairs can call more) | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 |         |         | MS             |
| 6  | LD 144<br>Senate study table           | Not an emergency<br><br>May seek outside funding | IFS         | Task Force to Study State and Federal Laws Regarding Online Privacy and Data Security to Develop Ways to Further Protect Consumers from Identity Theft and Fraud | Study state and federal laws regarding online privacy and data security; review and analyze best practices from other states to protect consumers against online identity theft and provide data security; and identify policy options for the State to consider to protect consumers from identity theft and fraud when making purchases online. | TOTAL: 13<br>Legis: 7<br>Sen: 3<br>House: 4<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/2/2015   | Legislative Council; AG, DPFR, DAFS to provide assistance, if requested   | <b>Conforming</b>  | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings                                     | \$ 3,750 |          |         |         | MS             |
| 9  | LD 155<br>Emergency Senate study table |  | HHS         | Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients  | Study certain issues related to difficult-to-place patients with complex medical conditions and the feasibility of making policy changes to the long-term care system for those patients.   | TOTAL: 13<br>Legis: 5<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 3<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/2/2015   | Legislative Council; DHHS shall provide information and assistance as required  | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Majority not legislators<br>•Staff  | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings; may establish subcommittees        | \$ 2,750 |          |         |         | MS             |
| 13   | LD 500<br>On Senate study table        | Not an emergency                                 | TAX         | Working Group to Develop Solutions to Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel   | Solicit input from municipalities with volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical services, volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency personnel and members of the public and identify the reasons for recruitment, training and retention problems and recommend solutions.   | TOTAL: 9<br>Legis: 5<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 3<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.  | 12/2/2015   | Legislative Council   | <b>Conforming</b>  | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings                                     | \$ 2,750 |          |         |         | MS             |

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| 16   | LD 665<br>Emergency Senate study table                      |  | HHS         | Commission to Study Services Available on the Long-term Care Continuum       | Study the issues regarding the continuum of long-term care services in the community and in facilities.  | TOTAL: 13<br>Legis: 5<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 3<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/2/2015      | Legislative Council | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Majority not legislators<br>•Staff  | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings            | \$ 2,750 |         |         |         | MS             |
| 20   | LD 721<br>Emergency Senate study table                      | Does not indicate which Senator and Representative should be chair | VLA         | Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans | Review the services provided by the State to veterans in order to identify gaps, duplications and inefficiencies.  | TOTAL: 13<br>Legis: 7<br>Sen: 3<br>House: 4<br>Chairs: Senate and House member   | 1/15/2016      | OPLA                | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Report date (Dec. 2)<br>•Members both parties<br>•Chairs: first-named<br>•Staff | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings            | \$ 3,750 |         |         |         | MS             |
| 24   | LD 902<br>Emergency Senate study table                      |  | TRA         | Commission to Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities           | Study parking issues that exist for persons with physical disabilities in the State and make recommendations for changes to current law to improve accessibility and convenience.  | TOTAL: 11<br>Legis: 6<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 4<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/2/2015      | Legislative Council | <b>Conforming</b>  | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings            | \$ 3,250 |         |         |         | MS             |
| 27   | LD 1019<br>Pt HHHH<br>Emergency Enacted by House and Senate | Study is proposed in majority budget                               | ACF         | Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund                | Study the proper use of the fund and possible expansion of the fund to other uses; study how to best manage public lands to preserve forests for recreation, wildlife habitat and public use while ensuring a healthy working forest; review data and current science on how to best manage the State's public lands to deal with possible pests and disease issues; explore investments in Public Lands; and provide an analysis of the impact of outdoor recreation on the State's tourism economy and the role public lands play. | TOTAL: 15<br>Legis: 5<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 3<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/5/2015      | Legislative Council | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Majority not legislators<br>•Report date (Dec. 2)<br>•Staff                     | Leg. per diem and expenses; minimum of 4 meetings | \$ 2,750 |         |         |         | MS             |

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| 31   | LD 1042<br>Emergency Senate study table |       | EDU         | Task Force on School Leadership  | Conduct a comprehensive study on excellence in school leadership in prekindergarten to grade 12 public schools.   | TOTAL: 19<br>Legis: 5<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 3<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/2/2015      | Legislative Council | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Majority not legislators<br>•Report date (Dec. 2)<br>•Staff | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings | \$ 2,750           |                 |                  |                  | MS             |
| 35   | LD 1061<br>Emergency Senate study table |       | HHS         | Commission to Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism | Examine the most efficient ways for different state systems involved in the lifelong care of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism to provide a stable continuum of care without duplication of efforts and programs and to ensure seamless transitions between departments. Determine viability of and benefits concerning State participation in federal Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. | TOTAL: 13<br>Legis: 5<br>Sen: 2<br>House: 3<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/2/2015      | Legislative Council | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Majority not legislators<br>•Staff                          | Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings | \$ 2,500           |                 |                  |                  | MS             |
| <b>Total - General Fund Miscellaneous Studies Proposed</b> |   |       |             |  |   |  |                |                     |  |  | <b>\$ 30,000</b>   | <b>\$ 3,000</b> | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ -</b>      |                |
| <b>Balance / (Shortfall) General Fund Miscellaneous</b>    |   |       |             |  |   |  |                |                     |  |  | <b>\$ (16,387)</b> | <b>\$ 7,000</b> | <b>\$ 10,000</b> | <b>\$ 10,000</b> |                |

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| <b>General Fund Legislative - Ongoing Appropriation</b>                              |  |  |             |   |   |  |                  |                         |   |  |                  |               |               |               |                                   |
| 39   | LD 1019<br>PT A-46<br>PT DDD<br>Emergency Enacted by House and Senate  | Title 5 permanent commission<br><br>Study is proposed in majority budget (from LD 933) | EDU         | Commission to End Student Hunger (on-going)   | Work to implement the 5-year plan to end student hunger developed by the Task Force to End Student Hunger in Maine, monitor the plan and update the plan if necessary.  | TOTAL: 11<br>Legis: 2<br>Sen: 1<br>House: 1<br>Chairs: Senate and House member for the first 2 years | Jan. 10 annually | Department of Education | <b>Conforming</b> (exception to Jt. Rule 353)<br>•Permanent commission with 2 legislators | Leg. per diem and expenses; at least 2, but no more than 4 meetings per year; may conduct public meetings throughout the State | \$ 500           | \$ 500        | \$ 500        | \$ 500        | APP                               |
| <b>Total - Proposed Ongoing Studies Req. GF Appropriation</b>                        |  |  |             |   |   |  |                  |                         |   |  | <b>\$ 500</b>    | <b>\$ 500</b> | <b>\$ 500</b> | <b>\$ 500</b> |                                   |
| <b>General Fund Legislative - Interim JSC Meeting Budget</b>                         |  |  |             |   |   |  |                  |                         |   |  |                  |               |               |               |                                   |
| 45   | LD 905<br>Emergency Senate study table   | Meetings will be paid for from JSC interim meetings budget                             | HHS         | Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine | Review the alignment of allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and make recommendations for how to most effectively support the State's current public health care and preventive health priorities and goals. | TOTAL: 13<br>Legis: 13<br>Sen: 3<br>House: 10<br>Chairs: Chairs of HHS Committee                     | 12/2/2015        | Legislative Council     | <b>Conforming</b>   | Leg. per diem and expenses; 6 meetings   | \$ 10,000        |               |               |               | Interim Committee meetings budget |
| <b>Total - Proposed Studies Req. Use of Baseline Budget for JSC Interim Meetings</b> |  |  |             |   |   |  |                  |                         |   |  | <b>\$ 10,000</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>   |                                   |
| <b>Highway Fund</b>  |  |  |             |   |   |  |                  |                         |   |  |                  |               |               |               |                                   |
| 48   | LD 706<br>Emergency Engrossed by Committee A in House and Senate; House finally passed; Senate unfinished business |  | TRA         | Commission to Study Transportation Funding Reform   | Analyze options and recommend legislation to reform and adequately supplement funding for State's transportation infrastructure to ensure a safe and reliable transportation system.                                  | TOTAL: 11<br>Legis: 10<br>Sen: 3<br>House: 7<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.                    | 12/2/2015        | OPLA and OFPR           | <b>Conforming</b>   | Leg. per diem and expenses; 6 meetings   | \$ 7,750         |               |               |               | HF                                |
| <b>Total - Proposed Studies Requiring Highway Fund Allocation</b>                    |  |  |             |   |   |  |                  |                         |   |  | <b>\$ 7,750</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b>   |                                   |

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| <b>Other Special Revenue</b>                              |                            |   |             |  |  |  |                |  |  |  |                 |             |             |             |                |
| 54  | LD 1406 Senate study table | Must seek outside funding to fully fund costs of the task force | EDU         | Task Force to Study College Attainment and Degree Completion Goals | Review college completion findings and recommendations included in the December 2014 task force report; examine and review research and data related to establishment of postsecondary education attainment goals; review initiatives proposed by colleges and universities in the State; discuss with colleges and universities in the State proposed state policies and strategies to enable more college students to complete degree programs and graduate from Maine institutions of higher education. | TOTAL: 15<br>Legis: 7<br>Sen: 3<br>House: 4<br>Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep. | 12/15/2015     | UMaine system, MCCS and MMA; DOE, DOL, UMaine System, MCCS, MMA and FAME shall provide information; OPLA shall provide drafting assistance | <b>Nonconforming</b><br>•Majority not legislators<br>•Report date (Dec. 2)<br>•Staff | Leg. per diem and expenses; 5 meetings (Est. based on 4) | \$ 3,750        |             |             |             | OSR            |
| <b>Total - Proposed Studies Requiring Outside Funding</b> |                            |   |             |  |  |  |                |  |  |  | <b>\$ 3,750</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> |                |

**Policy Area Totals**

ACF 1  
EDU 3  
HHS 4  
IFS 2  
TAX 1  
TRA  
VLA  
**Total 2**  
1  
**14**

**\* Total Cost of Proposed Studies (All Funds):**

Available Studies Budget (General Fund):  
*(Adjusted for previously authorized studies)*

Other Required Funding Sources (Federal & Other Special Revenue):

General Fund Appropriation:

Highway Fund Allocation:

Interim JSC Baseline Budget

**Remaining Balance/(Shortfall) Studies Budget (General Fund):**

|   |                    |                 |                  |                  |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>* Total Cost of Proposed Studies (All Funds):</b>  | <b>\$ 52,000</b>   | <b>\$ 3,500</b> | <b>\$ 500</b>    | <b>\$ 500</b>    |
| Available Studies Budget (General Fund):<br><i>(Adjusted for previously authorized studies)</i> | \$ 13,613          | \$ 10,000       | \$ 10,000        | \$ 10,000        |
| Other Required Funding Sources (Federal & Other Special Revenue):                               | \$ 3,750           | \$ -            | \$ -             | \$ -             |
| General Fund Appropriation:   | \$ 500             | \$ 500          | \$ 500           | \$ 500           |
| Highway Fund Allocation:  | \$ 7,750           | \$ -            | \$ -             | \$ -             |
| Interim JSC Baseline Budget   | \$ 10,000          |                 |                  |                  |
| <b>Remaining Balance/(Shortfall) Studies Budget (General Fund):</b>                             | <b>\$ (16,387)</b> | <b>\$ 7,000</b> | <b>\$ 10,000</b> | <b>\$ 10,000</b> |

*\* Future budgets will be adjusted to include the cost of studies authorized on an ongoing basis.*