

**STATE OF MAINE**  
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FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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# *Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

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### **Budget Bills - Biennial and Supplemental**

#### **Enacted**

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| LD 221 | An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023 | PUBLIC 398 |
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### **Budget Bills - Federal Allocations**

#### **Enacted**

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**Not Enacted**

LD 327	An Act To Return Surplus Money to Maine Taxpayers	CARRIED OVER
LD 329	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds	CARRIED OVER
LD 339	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds	CARRIED OVER
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### *General Obligation Bond Bills*

**Enacted**

LD 1702	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Transportation	PUBLIC 408
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**Not Enacted**

LD 3	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance and Improvement of Maine National Guard Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 21	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	CARRIED OVER
LD 49	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise	CARRIED OVER

LD 50	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless	CARRIED OVER
LD 75	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Replace and Repair Bureau of Forestry Aircraft	CARRIED OVER
LD 133	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations	CARRIED OVER
LD 150	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site Cleanups	CARRIED OVER
LD 165	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Necessary Maintenance and Upgrades for State Parks and Historic Sites	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 169	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Investment in Innovation by Maine Businesses To Produce Nationally and Globally Competitive Products and Services	CARRIED OVER
LD 175	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters	CARRIED OVER
LD 181	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research	CARRIED OVER
LD 218	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State	CARRIED OVER
LD 298	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions To Prepare Students To Join Maine's Workforce	CARRIED OVER
LD 370	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	CARRIED OVER
LD 373	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure	CARRIED OVER

LD 384	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Transition from a Fossil Fuel-based to an Electrical Energy Economy	CARRIED OVER
LD 466	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support a Climate Center at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute	CARRIED OVER
LD 481	An Act To Propose a General Fund Bond Issue To Train Workers in High-demand Sectors and Support the State's 10-year Economic Plan Goal of Increasing Wages by 10 Percent	CARRIED OVER
LD 517	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Construction of Energy-efficient Affordable Homes and the Adaptive Reuse, Repair and Weatherization of Existing Homes for Low-income Seniors	CARRIED OVER
LD 687	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Conservation of Land, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation	CARRIED OVER
LD 702	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund	CARRIED OVER
LD 969	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland, Improvements to the Augusta Civic Center and a Competitive Grant Program for Capital Improvements to Public Venues across the State	CARRIED OVER
LD 983	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Land Conservation, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation	CARRIED OVER
LD 987	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Portland Harbor Commercial Revitalization Project's Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell and Dredging Projects	CARRIED OVER
LD 1084	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Energy-efficient and Affordable Homes for Maine People	CARRIED OVER
LD 1086	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce	CARRIED OVER

LD 1094	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects	CARRIED OVER
LD 1095	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Purchase 4 Nursing Simulators for Use by the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System	CARRIED OVER
LD 1235	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Connect Maine with a World-class Internet Infrastructure	CARRIED OVER
LD 1475	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure	CARRIED OVER
LD 1526	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen University of Maine System Workforce Education and Innovation	CARRIED OVER
LD 1597	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce	CARRIED OVER
LD 1637	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Maine To Meet the State's Carbon Reduction Goals by Supporting the Use of Biofuels	CARRIED OVER
LD 1647	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Infrastructure Projects across the State and To Direct the Department of Environmental Protection To Establish a State Infrastructure Adaptation Fund and Predevelopment Assistance Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1698	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a Public-Private Partnership To Create Biomass Energy Facilities in Aroostook County and To Connect Aroostook County to ISO New England	CARRIED OVER

### *Miscellaneous Funding and Other Requests*

**Enacted**

LD 1506	Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021	RESOLVE 14
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**DIGEST OF BILLS AND SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**  
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**DIGEST OF BILLS**

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*Bills Referred to*

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs (AFA)**

Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action	Carried over?	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Sess
						Law	Ch	
AFA	3	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance and Improvement of Maine National Guard Facilities	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	21	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	42	An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	49	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	50	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	75	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Replace and Repair Bureau of Forestry Aircraft	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	133	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	150	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site Cleanups	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	165	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Necessary Maintenance and Upgrades for State Parks and Historic Sites	Reported Out	LTW	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
AFA	169	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate Investment in Innovation by Maine Businesses To Produce Nationally and Globally Competitive Products and Services	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	175	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	181	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
AFA	218	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1

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AFA	220	An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM		Emergency Enacted	PL	1	R1
AFA	221	An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Emergency Enacted	PL	398	S1
AFA	240	An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	298	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Capital Improvements and Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions To Prepare Students To Join Maine's Workforce	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	304	An Act To Make Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	327	An Act To Return Surplus Money to Maine Taxpayers	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	329	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	339	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	370	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	371	An Act To Make Adjustments to General Fund Appropriations Related to the Supplemental Budget	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	373	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	384	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Transition from a Fossil Fuel-based to an Electrical Energy Economy	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
AFA	466	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support a Climate Center at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1

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AFA	481	An Act To Propose a General Fund Bond Issue To Train Workers in High-demand Sectors and Support the State's 10-year Economic Plan Goal of Increasing Wages by 10 Percent	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	517	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Construction of Energy-efficient Affordable Homes and the Adaptive Reuse, Repair and Weatherization of Existing Homes for Low-income Seniors	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	687	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote the Conservation of Land, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	702	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	715	An Act To Make Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		Enacted	PL	29	R1
AFA	781	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	969	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland, Improvements to the Augusta Civic Center and a Competitive Grant Program for Capital Improvements to Public Venues across the State	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	983	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Land Conservation, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	987	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Portland Harbor Commercial Revitalization Project's Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell and Dredging Projects	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	1084	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Energy-efficient and Affordable Homes for Maine People	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	
AFA	1086	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1	

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AFA	1094	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1095	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Purchase 4 Nursing Simulators for Use by the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1235	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Connect Maine with a World-class Internet Infrastructure	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1475	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1506	Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	14	1S
AFA	1507	An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	45	1S
AFA	1526	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen University of Maine System Workforce Education and Innovation	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1597	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1637	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Maine To Meet the State's Carbon Reduction Goals by Supporting the Use of Biofuels	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1647	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds for Infrastructure Projects across the State and To Direct the Department of Environmental Protection To Establish a State Infrastructure Adaptation Fund and Predevelopment Assistance Program	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1697	An Act To Establish a Homeowner Assistance Fund Program and Provide for the Distribution of Funds	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	77	1S
AFA	1698	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a Public-Private Partnership To Create Biomass Energy Facilities in Aroostook County and To Connect Aroostook County to ISO New England	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			1S
AFA	1700	An Act To Provide Allocations for the Administration of State Fiscal Recovery Funds	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	78	1S
AFA	1702	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Transportation	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Enacted	PL	408	1S

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AFA	1733	An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM		<u>Enacted</u>	<u>PL</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>S1</u>

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**LD 220 An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 1 does the following.

Part A makes supplemental changes to appropriations and allocations of funds for fiscal year 2020-21.

Part B updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2020, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and for any prior tax year as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Part C revises the appropriation and authority to expend for postsecondary course payments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 11 in the targeted education funds for fiscal year 2020-21 and revises the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution and the annual target state share percentage for fiscal year 2020-21.

Part D requires an addition modification for federal excess business losses allowed to noncorporate taxpayers pursuant to the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2021 and a subtraction modification for the carry-over and subtraction of this amount in future years.

Part E requires an addition modification of the federal business interest deduction that exceeds 30% of adjusted taxable income pursuant to the federal CARES Act for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018 and before January 1, 2021 and a subtraction modification for the carry-over and subtraction of this amount in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

Part F excludes qualified improvement property placed in service after December 31, 2017 and prior to January 1, 2020 from the Maine capital investment credit.

Part G requires an addition modification for the additional charitable contribution deduction allowed to corporations pursuant to the federal CARES Act for taxable years beginning after January 1, 2019 and before January 1, 2020 and a subtraction modification for the carry-over and subtraction of this amount in future years.

Part H updates and simplifies Maine income tax law by conforming the Maine income tax with the federal net operating loss, or NOL, limitation, generally known as the 80% taxable income limitation, and the federal CARES Act suspension of the limitation. This Part applies retroactively

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to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Under the provision, the 80% taxable income limitation would apply to tax years beginning after 2020.

Part I does the following:

1. Temporarily expands the Maine credit for income taxes paid to another jurisdiction in order to provide relief to Maine resident taxpayers who are being taxed by both Maine and another jurisdiction on compensation earned in Maine as a result of teleworking in Maine due to the state of emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The remote work in Maine must have commenced due to the COVID-19 pandemic and during either state's state of emergency with respect to those services or proportion of services previously performed outside of Maine; and
2. Relaxes the requirement that a recipient of the educational opportunity tax credit work in Maine by providing that a qualified individual who worked in the State immediately prior to, or at any point during, the Maine COVID-19 state of emergency is deemed to have worked in this State for the entire state of emergency.

Part J authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 for the acquisition, licensing, installation, implementation, maintenance and support of computer hardware, software and other systems development of a human resources and payroll system within the Central Administrative Applications program, General Fund account.

Part K extends the time to repay the costs of the financial agreement for the acquisition, licensing, installation, implementation, maintenance and support of the tax collection system of the Bureau of Revenue Services authorized by Public Law 2019, chapter 343, Part O.

Part M amends the Finance Authority of Maine's waste motor oil disposal site remediation program by directing all remaining funds in the Waste Motor Oil Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection's Uncontrolled Sites Fund, with 50% to be placed in a subsidiary account to be used for specific purposes related to the threats and hazards posed perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and by repealing the laws governing the program. It also amends other sections of law by correcting cross-references and making technical changes resulting from the repeal of the laws governing the program.

Part N changes eligibility for transitional transportation to include families who are employed and have income less than 200% of the federal poverty level. It also allows the Department of Health and Human Services to use up to \$1,400,000 annually in TANF block grant expenditures to support employed families who have transportation costs and have income less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

Part O repeals the Working Cars for Working Families Program.

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Part P allows the Department of Health and Human Services to carry up to \$1,335,770 in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to reimburse the Federal Government for penalties incurred in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in federal fiscal year 2019.

Part Q amends Public Law 2019, chapter 343, Part BBBB, section 4 to specify a transfer of \$14,500,000 to the Fund for a Healthy Maine dedicated revenue instead of an amount up to \$14,500,000 and changes the date by which the transfer must be made from June 30, 2021 to July 1, 2021.

Part S authorizes the transfer of any remaining balance in the Reserve for Indigent Legal Services account, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services account, Other Special Revenue Funds.

Part T extends by one year the carrying forward of any unexpended balance in the All Other line category to the end of fiscal year 2021-22 in the Department of Secretary of State, Elections and Commissions program to be used as matching funds for the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Part U expands the addition modification for the global intangible low-taxed income deduction. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the modification is for the total amount of the foreign-derived intangible income and global intangible low-taxed income deduction claimed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 250(a).

Part X requires an addition modification for calculating taxable income for Maine income tax purposes equal to any increase in deductions allowed for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 which provides for a temporary allowance of full deduction for business meals. The addition modification applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

Part Y allows the Maine State Housing Authority to reduce the amount of the Maine tax credit allowed for an affordable housing project to less than that available under the federal low-income housing tax credit to avoid a reduction in the federal credit otherwise available.

Part Z exempts up to \$10,200 per recipient of unemployment compensation benefits received during 2020 from Maine individual income tax for taxpayers with a federal adjusted gross income of less than \$150,000 and provides funds to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to educate and inform taxpayers about the income tax deduction for unemployment compensation.

Part AA transfers \$2,900,000 from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund in fiscal year 2020-21 to address needs related to the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19.

Part BB requires legislative approval of any expenditure proposed by the Governor of discretionary funds received from the federal government due to the COVID-19 pandemic that are not otherwise earmarked for another use by the State.

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Part CC requires the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to transfer \$50,000,000 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund, established in Title 30-A, section 6054, subsection 1, to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund during fiscal year 2020-21.

Part DD restores funding by offsetting deappropriations in Personal Services and All Other in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Veterans Services programs contained in Part A of this Act.

Part EE requires Maine Revenue Services to study the income modification that requires the add-back for Maine tax purposes of a taxpayer's deduction claimed pursuant to the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 from federal taxation for foreign-derived intangible income. Maine Revenue Services is required to determine the cost of the deduction, whether it effectively meets the purpose for the deduction, the revenue that would be generated without the deduction and whether there is another more effective or efficient manner of encouraging the domestic filing of taxes by corporations. Maine Revenue Services is required to provide a report, along with suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Part FF transfers \$8,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2020-21.

Public Law 2021, chapter 1 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

**LD 221 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 398 does the following.

Part A makes changes to the baseline appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2022-2023 biennium.

Part B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C does the following:

1. Amends the state contribution, the annual target state share percentage and the mill expectation for the local contribution for fiscal year 2021-22;
2. Authorizes instead of requires the Commissioner of Education to apply for available federal funds in support of community school implementation and expansion;

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3. Adds one-time funding in the amount of \$225,000 for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to provide one-time relief for the impacts of the pandemic;
4. Adds to the funding for postsecondary courses; and
5. Authorizes a school board of a school administrative unit that receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget in fiscal year 2021-22 only to use all or part of the additional subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the school board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the school board or decrease the local cost share expectation for local property tax payers for funding public education as approved by the school board.

Part D authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$52,910,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.

Part E updates the mileage rate paid to state employees and state officers and officials not subject to a bargaining agreement who are engaged in the business of the State to either the rate included in the bargaining agreement representing the most employees or the federal rate of reimbursement, whichever is lower. This change will be effective July 1, 2021.

Part G sets the transfer to the Local Government Fund at 4.5% in fiscal year 2021-22. The transfer to the Local Government Fund returns to 5% beginning in fiscal year 2022-23.

Part H does the following:

1. Updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended through April 30, 2021 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021 and for any prior tax year as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except that amendments to that Code made by Section 9042 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 do not apply to any tax year beginning after December 31, 2019 and before January 1, 2021;
2. Provides a sales tax exemption on the purchase of menstrual products sold on or after October 1, 2021;
3. Establishes the earned income tax credit rate for tax year 2021 for all eligible individuals as 20% of the federal earned income credit for the same taxable year;
4. Increases the maximum property tax fairness credit for tax year 2021 to \$1,000 for resident individuals under 65 years of age and \$1,500 for resident individuals 65 years of age and older; and

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5. Increases the property tax fairness credit for tax years 2022 and later to the amount by which the benefit base for the resident individual exceeds 4% of the resident individual's income with a maximum credit of \$750 for resident individuals under 65 years of age and \$1,200 for resident individuals 65 years of age and older.

Part I authorizes remaining balances in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program in the current biennium to be carried forward into the following fiscal years.

Part J amends the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law to clarify the information required to be used by the State Tax Assessor when calculating the tree growth appropriation and municipal reimbursements and to use consistent terms when referring to that information and makes other technical changes to the related statute.

Part K authorizes remaining balance in the Central Administrative Applications program, General Fund account in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to carry forward into the following fiscal year.

Part L authorizes the Office of Information Technology and the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 for the acquisition, licensing, installation, implementation, maintenance and support of computer hardware, software and other systems to support the operations of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

Part M authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements, which may not exceed six years in duration, in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division.

Part N authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of the Department of Public Safety to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police.

Part O authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund.

Part P allows for promotion adjustments for Tax Examiner and Tax Examiner II positions within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services.

Part Q transfers \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the abatement, cleanup or mitigation of the threats or hazards posed or potentially posed by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, contamination affecting agricultural producers in the State; providing support to affected farms; providing support for PFAS research; and responding to PFAS concerns and issues as they arise.

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Part R transfers \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for the abatement, cleanup or mitigation of the threats or hazards posed or potentially posed by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, contamination in the State and authorizes the department to spend those funds only for those purposes.

Part U adds the Director, Office of Marijuana Policy as a major policy-influencing position within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and adds it to the list of positions with salaries set by the Governor.

Part W allows the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit financial orders for the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund and adjusts the budget report submission date for this account in odd-numbered years to align with the submission of a biennial budget from a Governor-elect.

Part X authorizes a one-time transfer in each year of the biennium of all funds in excess of \$200,000 from unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services and in excess of \$300,000 from unencumbered balance forward in the All Other line categories in the Division of Forest Protection, General Fund account to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Division of Forest Protection, General Fund account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to fund the overhaul of existing aircraft.

Part Y renames the Office of the Commissioner program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the DACF Administration program.

Part Z requires the transfer of residual funds remaining in the Federal-State Inspection Fund account in the Bureau of Agriculture program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation account in the Bureau of Agriculture program, Other Special Revenue Funds at the close of fiscal year 2020-21.

Part AA clarifies the imposition of the 10¢ ConnectMaine surcharge.

Part BB authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer, by financial order, Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures funding between accounts within the same fund for the purposes of paying departmental overtime expenses in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Part CC directs the Commissioner of Corrections to review the current organizational structure of the Department of Corrections to improve organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness and authorizes the State Budget Officer to transfer positions and available balances by financial order between July 1st and December 2nd of each fiscal year in the 2022-23 biennium. Any transfers that would result in a mission change or facility closure must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters for review.

Part DD authorizes transfers of up to \$325,000 in each fiscal year of the 2022-23 biennium of available Personal Services allocations to the All Other line category in the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

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Part EE transfers \$582,051 in fiscal year 2020-21 and \$411,529 in fiscal year 2021-22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund within the Department of Education.

Part FF changes the title of Director of Communications within the Department of Education to Director of Marketing and Communications and the title of Director of Special Projects within the Department of Education to Chief Innovation Officer and adds the Chief Innovation Officer as a major policy-influencing position in the department.

Part GG transfers \$45,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the School Revolving Renovation Fund.

Part HH establishes in statute the Maine School Safety Center in the Department of Education. The primary role of the center is to provide training, guidance and technical support to schools in Maine regarding safety and security.

Part II removes the Director of Early Childhood Special Education as a position appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Education.

Part JJ allows the salary supplement payments for teachers certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards to be prorated based on the amount of revenue received for this purpose and specifies that payments must be made with available resources.

Part KK eliminates the requirement that a public guardian or conservator furnish a bond.

Part LL updates the names of the programs into which certain revenue from the service provider tax and the health care provider tax is deposited to align with the MaineCare account consolidation initiative contained in Part SS.

Part MM does the following:

1. Changes the representatives that inspect medical establishments from the Office of MaineCare Services to the division of licensing and certification within the Department of Health and Human Services;
2. Removes the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct a single coordinated inspection of a nursing facility dually licensed as a nursing home and an assisted living facility; and
3. Clarifies that the exemption from inspection requirements applies to licensed hospitals seeking re-licensure.

Part NN removes the language that does not allow the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer or otherwise repurpose any funds appropriated or allocated for public health nurses and the services they provide.

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Part OO renames the statewide food supplement program the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Part QQ changes the frequency of life safety inspections for adult day care programs from annually to prior to the biennial issuance of the license by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Part SS contains transfer provisions to facilitate the consolidation of General Fund programs from 13 to four in the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services; provides that all existing contracts, agreements and compacts currently in effect in the Department of Health and Human Services are not affected by the transfers; and requires the continuation of the detailed reporting currently provided by the department as required by law.

Part TT requires unexpended balance in the Office for Family Independence - District program, General Fund account within the Department of Health and Human Services to carry forward to the next fiscal year for upgrades to the public assistance web portal.

Part UU authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances in the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, the Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, the Riverview Psychiatric Center program and the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program.

Part VV establishes the Office of Behavioral Health in the Department of Health and Human Services as the successor to the office of substance abuse and the office of substance abuse and mental health services and changes references to those offices accordingly.

Part WW transfers \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund and authorizes those funds to be allotted by financial order upon approval of the Governor.

Part XX authorizes the transfer of All Other balances from any account within the Department of Health and Human Services, excluding balances in the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance and State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance programs, for the information system modernization project in the department's office of aging and disability services.

Part YY authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer appropriations within the Office of Child and Family Services related to the cost of administering the child welfare program.

Part ZZ authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of appropriations between MaineCare General Fund accounts in the 2022-2023 biennium.

Part AAA authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of Personal Services appropriations to All Other in the Office for Family Independence program and the Office for Family Independence - District program in the 2022-2023 biennium.

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Part BBB increases the statewide cap of participants in the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program from 500 participants to 800.

Part CCC adds comprehensive preventive, diagnostic and restorative dental services to the limited dental services currently available to MaineCare members 21 years of age and over; requires the Department of Health and Human Services to consult with the dental subcommittee of the MaineCare Advisory Committee in creating a plan to implement and monitor the adult dental services; and requires the department to work with providers of oral health care and dental services to encourage participation in the MaineCare program.

Part DDD provides state-funded MaineCare and children's health insurance program coverage for noncitizen residents of this State who are ineligible for coverage under the federal Medicaid program or children's health insurance program due to their immigration status.

Part EEE authorizes any All Other balance remaining in the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, General Fund account to be carried forward each fiscal year.

Part FFF allows the Maine Indigent Legal Services Commission to establish standards prescribing minimum experience, training and other qualifications for assigned counsel and contract counsel through routine technical rules rather than major substantive rules.

Part GGG changes the salary range for the executive director of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Part HHH transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in each year of the biennium.

Part III transfers \$2,084,500 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funding for capital construction and repair of several state dams.

Part JJJ establishes the Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat in the Department of Marine Resources and transfers any remaining balance in the Division of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat account to be used to manage and regulate the sea run fisheries and habitat resources of the State in terms of restoration, monitoring and resource use.

Part KKK specifies job classifications in the Department of Public Safety in addition to Emergency Communications Specialists that are eligible to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Part LLL specifies job classifications in the Department of Public Safety in addition to the State Fire Marshall and state fire marshal inspectors that are eligible to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

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Part MMM repeals the requirement that the State Controller transfer \$32,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 from Other Special Revenue Funds to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund not later than June 30, 2022 and transfer it back with interest on July 1, 2022.

Part NNN specifies that members of the Advisory Committee on School Psychologists are entitled to reimbursement for expenses and no other compensation.

Part OOO does the following:

1. Amends the existing authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish regular fee schedules rather than annual fee schedules;
2. Allows the department to apply costs-of-living increases to MaineCare rates and publish those rates on its publicly accessible website;
3. Allows the Department of Health and Human Services to implement cost-of-living adjustments provided for in this Act and Medicare benchmarking recommendations of the Office of MaineCare Services in its comprehensive rate system evaluation until July 1, 2022 without going through formal rulemaking; and
4. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report, no later than January 2, 2022, describing the changes to the MaineCare rate schedule.

Part PPP clarifies that borrowing by the University of Maine System, when the related debt service will be funded by a commitment from the Legislature or is contractually committed by 3rd-party sources, must be excluded from the aggregate principal amount outstanding threshold calculation. Additionally, this Part clarifies that borrowing by the University of Maine System may not include capital lease obligations, financing for energy services projects or interim financing for capital projects.

Part QQQ transfers \$6,700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Aerial Fire Suppression Fund to provide for the upgrade and repair of aircraft of the forest protection unit of the Maine Forest Service.

Part RRR transfers \$6,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the State's share of maintenance, repair, capital improvement, modernization and energy efficiency projects for Maine Army and Air National Guard readiness centers and support facilities.

Part SSS transfers \$50,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund program to provide funding for capital construction and repairs of state-owned buildings.

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Part UUU reclassifies the Public Utilities Commission's director of emergency services communication as a major policy-influencing position that serves at the pleasure of the commission.

Part VVV authorizes the transfer of \$2,900,000 of the available balance in the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund and provides that those funds may be allotted by financial order.

Part XXX amends the Maine State Grant Program, which is administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, to specify that the minimum grant amount may not be less than \$2,500 if sufficient funds are appropriated for that purpose. This Part also transfers \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Student Financial Assistance Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in fiscal year 2021-22.

Part YYY removes the requirement that the Director of the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is also the director of the Maine Geological Survey within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Part ZZZ does the following:

1. Establishes the Highway and Bridge Reserve Other Special Revenue Account;
2. Repeals the Property Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents;
3. Requires the annual transfer of 20% of the unappropriated surplus, after all other required deductions, to the Highway and Bridge Capital program, Other Special Revenue Funds account;
4. Changes the fiscal year end transfers of unappropriated surplus (the so-called "cascade") by adding a final priority transfer in 2021 of \$50,000,000 to the Highway and Bridge Reserve Other Special Revenue Account;
5. Eliminates the ongoing percentage transfer to the Property Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents in the so called "cascade" and adds an ongoing percentage transfer to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital, Other Special Revenue Funds account;
6. Authorizes the State Controller to transfer up to \$50,000,000 from the Highway and Bridge Reserve Other Special Revenue Account to the Highway and Bridge Capital program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to replace funding from allocations made by the Legislature to the Department of Transportation, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery fund if they are not fully funded by the Federal Government; and
7. Transfers the remaining balance of the Property Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

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Part AAAA does the following:

1. Requires the labor portion of reimbursement under MaineCare or state-funded home and community-based services and residential services to be increased to equal at least 125% of the minimum wage as well as taxes and benefits directly related to the labor portion;
2. Requires the reimbursement rates for the MaineCare program and other state-funded program reimbursement rates to be rebased every five years;
3. Applies the 125% minimum wage requirement to essential support workers under certain rules of the MaineCare program and state-funded programs;
4. Requires an annual report from the Department of Health and Human Services on the department's progress in implementing the recommendations of the Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues for five years and authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report out legislation relating to the report each year; and
5. Requires that federal stimulus funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic allocated to the State after December 15, 2020 must be used for the purposes of this Part if Federal Medical Assistance Percentage matching funding is not allowable.

Part BBBB directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its MaineCare rules under Behavioral Health Services, to increase reimbursement rates for medication management services under by 25% and provide for an inflation adjustment every five years.

Part CCCC directs the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding hiring for the department's alternative response program.

Part DDDD excludes the portion of any borrowing by the Maine Maritime Academy for which the related debt service is funded by an appropriation by the State or contractually committed to the Maine Maritime Academy from 3rd-party sources from the calculation of the borrowing limitation.

Part EEEE requires remaining General Fund balances in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund program to be carried forward at the end of each fiscal year for use in the next fiscal year.

Part FFFF does the following:

1. Permits the use of the Land for Maine's Future Fund to acquire land for community conservation projects and prevents the prohibition of hunting, fishing, trapping or public access on land acquired by the Land for Maine's Future Board.
2. Transfers \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to a special revenue fund administered by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for

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the acquisition of land or an interest in land for conservation, water access, outdoor recreation, wildlife and fish habitat and working farmland preservation in accordance with the criteria set for the Land for Maine's Future Fund and the Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Program; and

3. Changes the fiscal-year-end transfers of the unbudgeted General Fund surplus (the so-called "cascade") for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 by adding a transfer of \$20,000,000 to the special revenue fund described above after the transfer provided for in Part ZZZ.

Part GGGG authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this legislation over which it has subject matter jurisdiction for which specific authority has not been provided by some other Part of this legislation without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

Part HHHH creates the COVID Disaster Relief Payment Program to provide COVID-19 pandemic relief payments of up to \$300 to each eligible Maine citizen and funds the program by transferring \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the COVID Disaster Relief Payment Fund within that program.

Part IIII does the following:

1. Changes the date after which a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business in a tier 1 location may not be certified from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2023;
2. Changes the date that all Pine Tree Development Zone benefits are terminated from December 31, 2031 to December 31, 2033 and makes corresponding changes in several sections of law; and
3. Transfers \$443,682 from the Maine Economic Development Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part JJJJ does the following:

1. Transfers \$9,293,691 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$9,288,769 in fiscal year 2022-23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services;
2. Transfers \$972,234 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$972,234 in fiscal year 2022-23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Judicial Department; and
3. Requires the commission to submit a report on the progress made in indigent legal services resulting from the use of the transferred funds and other changes made to the commission through the implementation of other provisions of this Act.

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It is the intent of the Legislature that the allocation to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Other Special Revenue Funds account made in Part A be allocated to the commission and that, in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature, the Legislature will transfer unspent balances in the fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund and appropriate funds equal to the transferred balance to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to be used for the same purpose as the original allocations.

Part KKKK, which is substantially the same as Legislative Document 546, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force,” as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, does the following:

1. Repeals a provision of the Maine Juvenile Code that establishes as a purpose of pre-adjudication detention providing physical care for a juvenile who cannot return home because there is no parent or other suitable person willing and able to supervise the juvenile adequately;
2. Requires the setting of benchmarks for measuring progress in reducing the average daily populations of detained youths and committed youths through July 1, 2024;
3. Directs the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group to reestablish the juvenile justice task force to help implement the recommendation made in the February 2020 report issued by the Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force and sets certain parameters for its work;
4. Requires annual reports on juvenile justice from the Department of Corrections to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters through January 31, 2025; and
5. Requires that, by February 15, 2022 and annually thereafter through 2025, the Department of Corrections report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters with detailed information on efforts of the department and the Department of Health and Human Services to reduce rates of detention of youths and other specified benchmarks and analyses.

Part LLLL transfers \$400,000 of the funds received from the multistate settlement agreement in *State of Maine, et al. v. FCA US LLC et al.* signed October 29, 2019 to the Department of Environmental Protection, Air Quality program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Part MMMM establishes the Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel to review deaths of and serious injuries to all adults receiving home-based and community-based services under 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 441.

Part NNNN transfers \$98,080,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$97,580,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

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Part OOOO does the following:

1. Requires the State to pay the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the full price for a breakfast or lunch at no cost to the students who are ineligible for free or reduced-price school meals;
2. Directs schools and school administrative units to request parents and guardians to complete household income forms to determine eligibility for various state and federal food assistance programs. It also directs school administrative units to the maximum extent possible to maximize participation in federal school meal programs;
3. Establishes the Meals for Students Fund as a nonlapsing, dedicated fund within the Department of Education to provide funds for the costs to the State to pay the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the full price of a breakfast or lunch for students that are ineligible for a free or reduced-price breakfast or lunch;
4. Changes the fiscal-year-end transfers of the unbudgeted General Fund surplus (the so-called “cascade”) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 by adding a transfer of \$10,000,000 to the Meals for Students Fund for the costs to the State to pay for the cost of this provision during the 2022-2023 school year only special revenue fund described above after the transfers provided for in Part ZZZ and Part FFFF of this Act; and
5. Authorizes the Department of Education to expend these funds only if the Department of Education does not receive a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture that allows for the provision of free meals to students during the 2022-2023 school year.

Part PPPP increases the percentage of state reimbursement to municipalities for taxes lost by reason of the homestead exemption by 3% per year up to 100%, starting in tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2022, and transfers \$3,145,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program Other Special Revenue Funds account in fiscal year 2022-23.

Part QQQQ does the following:

1. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to allot \$20,000,000 from carried General Fund balances along with allowable federal matching funds, for nursing facilities to increase reimbursement rates. The increased rates must remain in place until December 31, 2021 or the end of the state of emergency related to COVID-19, whichever is later;
2. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to allot \$12,500,000 in available funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to nursing facilities and so-called private nonmedical institution Appendix C facilities. Seventy percent of this funding must be used to fund nursing facilities and 30% must be used to fund private nonmedical institution Appendix C facilities.;

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3. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to waive any reduction or adjustment to allowable MaineCare costs on filed or audited cost reports that would result from receipt of grant funds; and
4. Requires any federal stimulus funds related to the COVID-19 pandemic to be used instead of allotment from General Fund carried balances for the purposes of this Part.

Part RRRR requires the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to report to the Governor and the Legislature on the work and interests of the commission beginning March 1, 2022 and annually thereafter.

Part SSSS does the following:

1. Amends the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority Act to:
  - A. Add equipment purchases, defined as the purchase of new or updated equipment and any capital improvements necessary to use the new or updated equipment, of career and technical education centers and regions to the definition of “project, projects or part of any project” and as a purpose for issuing additional securities;
  - B. Allow the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to delegate certain powers to the cooperative board or school administrative unit that governs a career and technical education region or center, respectively;
  - C. Provide that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority may not issue any additional securities pursuant to this provision after June 30, 2023;
  - D. Require the Department of Education to develop an application process and award criteria for funding requests from career and technical education centers or regions and to notify the authority of approved projects; and
  - E. Require that debt service costs for bonds issued by the authority to career and technical education centers and regions must be paid by the State;
2. Requires the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs upon the allocation of all bond proceeds;
3. Requires the Executive Director of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs no later than January 15, 2022 if the authority determines that additional legislation is necessary to carry out the purposes of this Part, including but not limited to any legislation necessary to ensure that securities issued pursuant to this legislation are tax-exempt; and

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4. Authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs to report out a bill to repeal the provision regarding the issuance of additional securities and any other provision of law relating to that provision.

Part TTTT transfers \$15,000.000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to a Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers, Other Special Revenue Funds account in fiscal year 2022-23.

Part UUUU does the following:

1. Makes voters who will be at least 65 years of age before the next election or who self-identify as having a disability eligible to apply for ongoing absentee voter status, which allows the voter to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each statewide election, municipal election and any other election until the status is terminated;
2. Provides that a voter's ongoing absentee voter status must be terminated if the voter fails to return an absentee ballot issued to that voter for a general election;
3. Requires the municipal clerk, as soon as official ballots become available, to immediately issue absentee ballots and return envelopes to voters with ongoing absentee voter status as well as all other voters who have submitted applications for absentee ballots for a single election that have been accepted by the clerk;
4. Provides that election officials may not make any mark indicating the political party of absentee voters on the outside of the return envelopes issued during a general election; and
5. Requires the Secretary of State to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. by January 1, 2023 for periodic sharing of voter registration information with member states and to use that information to periodically update the central voter registration system.

Public Law 2021, chapter 398 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2021.

**LD 715 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 29 does the following.

Part A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2022-2023 biennium baseline.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

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Part C does the following.

1. Establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution, the annual target state share percentage and the mill expectation for the local contribution for fiscal year 2021-22; and
2. Provides a one-year change to the State's essential programs and services education funding model to recognize the decline in student enrollment for the year prior to funding and, due to the unusual nature of the decline, the inability of school administrative units to reduce their costs accordingly.

Part D makes adjustments to the baseline appropriations and allocations in Part A.

Part E authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this Act over which the department has specific authority that has not been addressed by some other Part of the Act without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

Part F sets the transfer to the Local Government Fund at 3.75% in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Part G continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute.

Part H transfers \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2021-22 and \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2022-23 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part I changes the attrition rate for the 2022-23 biennium from 1.6% to 5% for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies.

Part J continues the voluntary employee incentive program through the 2022-23 biennium.

Part K directs the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to transfer \$40,000,000, \$20,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium, from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part L removes the Education in the Unorganized Territory account within the Department of Education from the list of accounts authorized to carry unexpended General Fund Personal Services balances and transfers the accumulated balance to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part M updates the base year for the hospital tax.

Part N lapses \$3,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward of the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2021-22.

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Part O lapses \$5,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward of the Department of Health and Human Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2021-22.

Part P lapses \$10,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward of the Department of Health and Human Services, Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment, General Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2021-22.

Part Q lapses \$60,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward of the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2021-22.

Part R updates the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index from the medical care services index to the nursing homes and adult day care services index to be used for cost-of-living adjustments for the rate of State reimbursement of nursing homes.

Part S transfers \$32,000,000 from Other Special Revenue Funds to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by June 30, 2022 and reverses that transfer, with interest, on July 1, 2022.

Part T delays until the 2024-25 biennium the beginning of the Fiscal Stability Program, which requires a biennial budget submitted by the Governor to include a General Fund appropriation of 18% over the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's requested budget.

Part U authorizes the State Court Administrator to increase the salaries of the State's chief justices, Chief Judge, Deputy Chief Judge, associate justices and associate judges by 3% in each of fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23, effective July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022.

Part V carries forward through the 2022-23 biennium unexpended All Other funds as of June 30, 2021 in the Department of Secretary of State, Elections and Commissions program and requires the funds to be used to provide a match for the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 election security grant.

Part W authorizes the balances in the Office of Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury program at the close of a fiscal year to carry forward to be used for the same purpose over the 2022-23 biennium.

**LD 1506 Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in  
June 2021**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 14 continues all limited-period positions that are scheduled to expire during June 2021 until July 1, 2021.

Resolve 2021, chapter 14 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.

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**LD 1507 An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 45 establishes the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to receive and distribute to units of local government funds received pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adjust allotments by financial order to comply with federal guidelines. The legislative intent of the act is to allocate the maximum amount of expected funds with the understanding that some of the funds may be distributed directly to two of the categories of local government by the federal government.

Public Law 2021, chapter 45 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.

**LD 1697 An Act To Establish a Homeowner Assistance Fund Program and Provide for the Distribution of Funds**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 77 establishes the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Homeowner Assistance Fund program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to receive and distribute funds received pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Public Law 2021, chapter 77 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2021.

**LD 1700 An Act To Provide Allocations for the Administration of State Fiscal Recovery Funds**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 78 does the following:

1. Establishes the American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and provides for an allocation from the Federal Expenditures Fund - American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery fund. Funds must be used for all aspects of financial management oversight of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, including state discretionary and direct funds as well as the local passthrough funds; and
2. Establishes the American Rescue Plan Economic, Workforce and Innovation program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide one-time allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund - American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery fund for

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preliminary program, metrics and assessment tool development for economic development, innovation and workforce programs.

Public Law 2021, chapter 78 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2021.

**LD 1702 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Transportation**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 408 provides a bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, for the Department of Transportation to support its ongoing capital programs to preserve, improve and construct roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports.

**LD 1733 An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 483 makes one-time allocations from the funds provided to the State from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Part A provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development for loans or loan guarantees through the Finance Authority of Maine for businesses having difficulty securing investment capital due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides capital for rural development projects through the Maine Rural Development Authority.

Part B provides funding to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to support Maine's farms and food processors; to the Department of Economic and Community Development for grants to the forest products industry; and to the Department of Marine Resources to grants for seafood processors and dealers for facilities and infrastructure.

Part C requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to establish the Small Business Health Insurance Premium Support Program to provide small businesses short-term relief from rising health insurance premiums as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part D requires the State Controller to transfer \$80,000,000 of the ARP State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Labor, Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Part E provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development to support new businesses and entrepreneurs who recently acquired Maine businesses.

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Part F provides funding to the Department of Administrative Services to support business diversity through state procurement policies and outreach and to the Department of Economic and Community Development for technical assistance to support business diversity initiatives and for entrepreneurial training for underrepresented populations.

Part G provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development to leverage private investments in research and development and to the Department of Environmental Protection to modernize their licensing and conduct time-sensitive licensing for urgent economic development projects.

Part H provides funding to the Finance Authority of Maine for the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program and for the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund Program; to the Department of Health and Human Services to support curriculum design services, centralize information on short-term certifications and provide incentives for providers to accommodate students who require clinical hours and related oversight; and to the Department of Labor to promote health care career choices, create, track coordinate and evaluate tuition remission program activities and health care worker credentialing and apprenticeships programs.

Part I provides funding to the Governor's Energy Office for clean energy workforce development and training programs and a clean energy development program to, among other things, provide innovation grants through the Maine Technology Institute. It also provides funds to the Department of Labor to define clear pathways and implement apprenticeship programs in the clean energy sector.

Part J establishes a domestic trade pilot program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to support medium-sized businesses in Maine in identifying and accessing new markets by providing market data, marketing support and consulting services.

Part K provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development for worker attraction and relocation programs that encourage long-term residency in Maine, and to the Department of Health and Human Services to support nursing home, federally qualified health center and hospital health care recruitment efforts.

Part L provides funding to the Department of Labor for youth pre-apprenticeship programs and the Department of Economic and Community Development for on-the-job training and internship supports with a portion of these funds required to be distributed to the Jobs for Maine's Graduates program and adult education programs.

Part M provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development to support coworking development and to establish a program to attract and integrate remote workers into the State's economy through communication of rules, marketing and outreach.

Part N provides funding to the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to support workforce development plans especially in the hospitality, "heritage", health care industries and skilled trades required for economic development and housing as well as to meet workforce development needs in emerging economic sectors, in alignment with the 10-year

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economic development strategy. It also provides funding to the Department of Education for competitive grants programs in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development targeted to higher education institutions and adult education programs for workforce development.

Part O provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in Maine's workforce through technical assistance to businesses and the State in creating hiring and retention practices and assistance to underserved populations in addressing basic needs and seeking employment. It also provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for improved data collection to support the advancement of opportunities and the reduction of structural economic barriers for underserved populations in employment and business.

Part P provides funding to the Department of Labor for individualized employment services; apprenticeships and job matchings services; the Competitive Skills Scholarship program and other workforce development programs; for expenses related to the worker opportunity tax credit program; and for evaluation of workforce programs funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Part Q provides funding to the Department of Environmental Protection for contracted services to build an online portal for licensing and compliance.

Part R provides funding:

1. To the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to school administrative units seeking to expand prekindergarten programs;
2. To the Efficiency Maine Trust to accelerate home weatherization and efficiency upgrades;
3. To the Department of Environmental Protection for upgrades to municipal culverts and mitigation of drinking water contamination caused by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances;
4. To the Department of Health and Human Services for child care facilities;
5. To the Maine State Housing Authority to expand housing options and, in conjunction with the Department of Economic and Community Development, for planning and technical assistance for communities, developers and builders;
6. To the Maine Connectivity Authority for the expansion of high-speed broadband access in collaboration with organizations representing historically disadvantaged and marginalized groups; and
7. To the Department of Transportation for municipal, regional and state infrastructure adaptation improvements, capital improvements to port and marine facilities in Portland and South

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Portland, workforce transportation pilot programs, and for publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations and related infrastructure;

Part R also requires that for \$20,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority for the expansion of existing financing programs, the authority must require the execution of a project labor agreement by any entity engaging in the construction of housing units and require an entity awarded a contract to make a good faith effort to promote racial diversity in the entity's workforce used to build the project and authorizes the Maine State Housing Authority to refuse to award an entity a contract if the authority determines that the entity is not making a good faith effort to promote workforce diversity, including with regard to race and gender.

Part S provides funding to the Department of Environmental Protection for municipal wastewater and infrastructure projects and for the Small Community Grant Program to support septic repair and replacement projects. It also provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for drinking water projects that address imminent risk to public health and for upgrades to critical public water system infrastructure.

Part T provides funding to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for capital maintenance and improvement at state parks.

Part U provides funding to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to replace infrastructure at the New Gloucester fish hatchery, create needed capacity at Grand Lake Stream hatchery and improve the quality of hatchery effluent at all eight fish culture facilities.

Part V provides funding to the Department of Marine Resources for energy efficiency improvements and improved public ocean access at the department's Boothbay Harbor facilities; for research related to economic sustainability in the State's fisheries; for infrastructure projects that support fisheries connectivity and habitat restoration; for purchasing and upgrading shellfish and water quality health monitoring; and for Marine Patrol infrastructure.

Part W provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development for grant funding to support electricity grid upgrades with a focus on rural economic development projects.

Part X provides funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development for capital construction and repair to address air quality and energy efficiency in Augusta area state-owned buildings; for improved online governmental services access; for modernizing digital and physical technology assets; for high-risk cybersecurity planning and improvements; and for increasing the effectiveness of the State's remote work capability.

Part Y provides funding to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for financial oversight of federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds.

Part Z allows the adjustment of allocations made by this Act but only within the same department or agency that received the original allocation or, if for the same purpose as the original allocation, between departments or agencies during fiscal year 2021-22 and only on the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. The Commissioner of Administrative and

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Financial Services is required to report these adjustments at least quarterly to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

Part AA reinstates the State's property tax deferral program, which was in effect for applications filed before April 1, 1991, with the following modifications.

1. Households with at least one individual who is 65 years of age or older or who is unable to continue employment due to disability and surviving spouses who are unable to continue employment due to disability are included.
2. The maximum income level is changed from \$32,000 to \$40,000.
3. The rate of accrual of interest on payments advanced to a municipality on tax-deferred property is changed from 6% to the standard rate of interest assessed by the State for nonpayment of taxes, reduced by one percentage point.
4. A maximum liquid asset standard for eligibility of property owners is added as well as the exclusion of property from eligibility if that property is subject to deferral under both the state deferral program and a municipal deferral program.
5. The administration of the deferral of property taxes for seniors and certain persons with disabilities, including expanding the types of guardians to include an agent under a power of attorney or pursuant to a protective arrangement or any other lawful order, is facilitated.
6. If there are not enough funds to pay for the property tax deferral program, transfers from Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund are required; repayment of those funds is also required as soon as there are enough funds available to make that reimbursement.

Part BB requires the Department of Health and Human Services to waive fees incurred in connection with the testing of private residential water supplies upon a showing of indigency. The Part directs the department to establish a program, through the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory, to provide free testing for arsenic of the private residential water supplies of low-income residents of the State. The Part requires that, beginning on January 1, 2022 and every 5 years thereafter, landlords of residential buildings test for arsenic each private drinking water well used to provide water to a tenant of the landlord. The Part also requires the department to review recent research regarding arsenic toxicity and levels suitable for consumption and to amend its rules to revise the maximum contaminant level for arsenic. It also requires the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission within the department to include information about the status of this review and rules adoption in its annual report under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2660-C, subsection 4, paragraph H until such rules are finally adopted.

Part CC directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the Family Caregiver Grant Pilot Program to expand the number of families that can be served under the Respite Care Fund. The pilot program may provide grants to eligible family caregivers of up to \$2,000 a year and lasts for two years, from October 2022 to September 2024. The department is required to convene a stakeholder group to design and implement the pilot program and plan for its evaluation.

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The pilot program is limited to total expenditures of \$5,100,000 over the period of the pilot program. The department is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 15, 2025.

Part DD establishes a pilot program to allow the parent of a child who is eligible for in-home personal care services under the MaineCare program to register as a personal care agency and receive reimbursement for providing those services to the child. The parent must have made reasonable efforts to obtain regular in-home personal care services and passed a background check. An individual who is not a parent of the child must be designated as the employer and must be approved as the employer by both the parent and the Department of Health and Human Services. The pilot program is established for fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 and the amount of expenditures is capped at \$465,000.

Part EE provides funds to:

1. The Department of Economic and Community Development to complete the renovation of a wharf and bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute;
2. The Department of Health and Human Services for grants for the establishment and administration of the Help Maine Grow System and the First 4 ME Early Child Care and Education Program; for establishing three limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II positions; and for providing monthly supplemental payments for 2022 for certain MaineCare service providers if federal matching funds are not available;
3. The Maine State Housing Authority for grants to existing emergency homeless shelters for operations, maintenance or capital improvements;
4. The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services for counsel fees to ease the backlog of cases caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;
5. The Department of Labor to establish 16 limited-period CareerCenter Consultant positions;
6. The Maine Maritime Academy for the renovation and restoration of state-owned waterfront and shoreside infrastructure in Castine;
7. The Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation to replace equipment used to carry the emergency alert system; and
8. The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to support development of a strategy and investment in public health infrastructure to reduce disparities in outcomes for residents of the State in minority groups.

Part FF amends the nursing education loan repayment program as follows.

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1. It extends eligibility to apply to individuals who are enrolled in master's or doctoral degree programs in nursing.
2. It specifies that applicants must indicate an intention to work as full-time nursing faculty in a nursing education program in the State, and increases that required commitment from three years to five years after acceptance into the nursing education loan repayment program.
3. It increases the maximum amount of loans eligible for repayment under the program from \$4,500 to \$20,000 for a master's degree and from \$6,000 to \$40,000 for a doctoral degree.

Part GG provides a continuation of funding for legal aid projects funded by grants expiring in 2021. The funding temporarily supplements existing support for legal services providers through the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund, independent of the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission's ongoing, biennial competitive process for distributing other funds deposited in the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund.

Part HH establishes the Housing Navigation Pilot Program, a two-year pilot program within the Maine State Housing Authority, to hire housing navigators to provide tenants with assistance locating housing, assistance applying for rentals and supportive services to promote successful landlord-tenant relationships. The Part also requires the authority to submit a report no later than March 31, 2023 on the number of households that received assistance under the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters.

Part II directs the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, to establish a pilot project to conduct outreach and to provide support services for active duty military members who are transitioning to civilian life in the State and their families.

Part JJ directs the Department of Labor, in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Health and Human Services, to develop and implement a multimedia public service campaign that promotes direct care worker jobs as a career choice.

Part KK does the following:

1. Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work with the Department of Economic and Community Development and other relevant state agencies, industry stakeholders and community organizations to carry out the following duties:
  - A. Strengthen the State's agricultural, food and forest products economy with a priority of making resulting efforts more inclusive of and increasing investments in historically marginalized, underrepresented and underserved communities; and
  - B. Improve investment in agricultural, food and forest products industries to increase access to new markets and opportunities for producers, processors, small businesses and

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consumers in the production, processing, packaging, distribution, marketing, sale and consumption of products in ways that balance the desire for short-term returns on investment with the State's commitment to redress racial and other inequities;

2. Establishes the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund to facilitate strategic investments in the State's agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries, including value-added products; and
3. Establishes the Maine Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment Advisory Board, representing a diversity of skills and experience relevant to investment in agricultural, food and forest products industries and the racial diversity of the food system in the State with specific representation by Indian tribes, communities of color and other underserved communities and populations, to determine disbursements from and oversee the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund, to devise a process for requests for proposals and enter into 3rd-party contracts to carry out the purposes of the fund and related technical assistance programs and to provide regular reporting and evaluation related to performance and sustainability.

Part LL establishes a career advancement and navigation pilot program to provide educational and career guidance, support and services to help underemployed and unemployed individuals acquire additional education, skills, licensure or other preparation needed to participate to their fullest potential in the workforce. The Part requires the Department of Education to administer and fund the pilot program through career advancement and navigation specialists employed by school administrative units. The Part also requires the Commissioner of Education to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs no later than November 4, 2022 regarding the pilot program.

Part MM requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by October 31, 2021 a report on the progress of initiatives created or funded in this legislation. The report must include the identification of any initiatives or funding determined to be an ineligible use of funds from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2. The department is required to submit subsequent reports upon the request of the chairs of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.

Part NN requires the State to pay 55% of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance after June 30, 2021. It also removes some outdated language.

Part OO amends the transfer of \$50,000,000 to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital program, Other Special Revenue Funds account, as required by Public Law 2021, chapter 398, to remove the limitation that those funds may be transferred only to replace a transfer not funded by the Federal Government.