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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

To: Senator Peggy Rotundo, Senate Chair  
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Joseph Rafferty, Senate Chair *JR HAF*  
Representative Michael Brennan, House Chair *MB HAF*  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Date: March 6, 2023

Re: LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025

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Pursuant to Joint Rule 304, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs met to review the biennial budget initiatives pertaining to the agencies under our jurisdiction in the Governor's proposed biennial budget, LD 258.

As requested during the public hearing on the biennial budget, the Education and Cultural Affairs committee sought to organize the initiatives under our jurisdiction in a way that would be conducive to your review of our recommendations. Accordingly, we respectfully submit our report-back in two parts: 1) the attached spreadsheets and language parts, which includes the committee votes on each of the initiatives under our jurisdiction; and 2) the following narrative regarding additional information, recommendations on new or amended initiatives, and further explanation on certain proposals that the committee believes will inform your understanding of our positions on the Governor's proposed biennial budget.

All members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee were present for the votes on the initiatives, except that Senator Libby, while able to watch and listen to most of the discussion,

was not able to register his votes until after the work session had concluded. Had Senator Libby been able to vote, he would have voted with the majority of his caucus.<sup>1</sup>

The committee voted unanimously to amend Language Part QQ, to provide clarity that bonding for infrastructure upgrades must be only those infrastructure upgrades that support the new or updated equipment.

Following the votes on the initiatives contained in the Governor's proposed biennial budget, the Democratic and Republican members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee each provided additional information, recommendations, including new or amended initiatives and further explanation of positions. These additional recommendations are listed below.<sup>2</sup>

### **Democratic Committee Member Recommendations (Majority Report)**

The Democratic members of the committee express support for the Governor's proposed biennial budget and efforts to address the pressing needs related to cultural affairs and education in this State. At the same time, the Democratic members of the committee have identified the following areas in which they recommend that there be greater support, either through additional funding initiatives in the biennial budget or through support of proposed or pending legislation that will come before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, or both. These additional recommendations are outlined below.

#### **Maine Public**

The Democratic members of the committee recommend appropriating an additional \$850,000 in each year of the biennium for Maine Public to bring funding in line with recommended funding levels.

The Democratic members of the committee make the following recommendations in regards to the public higher education institutions:

#### **University of Maine System:**

- A new initiative to provide \$7 million in each year of the biennium for tuition assistance for the creation of a University of Maine System free-tuition program, similar to the Maine Community College System – Free College program;
- In addition to the \$3 million in each year of the biennium proposed in the Governor's biennial budget under reference # 3264, provide an additional \$3 million in each year of the biennium (for a total of \$6 million in each year of the biennium) to the University of

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<sup>1</sup> On two votes on initiatives tabled during the committee's initial work session on Language Part QQ and CDS initiative reference # 1092, Senator Libby, Representative Lyman, and Representative Sargent were not present; all three subsequently indicated that they were in support of the amended Language Part QQ, and each would have voted with their respective caucus on the CDS initiative.

<sup>2</sup> The committee also recognizes that some of the initiatives recommended below would affect the Total Cost of Education in Language Part C and General Purpose Aid for local schools (GPA) in the Department of Education.

Maine System's Maine Economic Improvement Fund to support the University of Maine System's new R1 Carnegie Classification and expand the University of Maine System's research and development activities; and

- Support for LD 460, *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Student Success and Workforce Readiness Within the University of Maine*, sponsored by Senator Pierce, which is pending legislation that has been referred to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and would provide bonding to be used to strategically improve infrastructure at all campuses of the University of Maine System.

#### Maine Community College System

- An additional \$5 million in each year of biennium to support student learning and completion, especially for those students whose education was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to gaps in learning and learning loss. This funding would provide:
  - 20 additional navigator positions across the system focused on student success, career services, and retention (\$2.1 million);
  - Expansion of tutor positions and peer mentor support at all colleges, specifically in the areas of math and English (\$1 million);
  - 4 positions in the learning commons to assist students with research and library needs (\$280,000)
  - 6.5 disability coordinator positions to assist students with learning disabilities and social skills and community resource centers on multiple campuses to help students identify needs to be successful and connect them with both internal and external resources (\$520,000); and
  - The remaining funding would be used to enhance student technology and course material availability, renovate study and collaboration space, expand on-campus housing support through housing scholarships, and for professional development for staff focused on how to identify students who are struggling, and determining barriers to success (\$600,000).

Additional information regarding this recommended new initiative may be found in the Maine Community College's response to questions on MCCS portions of the biennial budget, dated February 25, 2023.

#### Maine Maritime Academy

- In addition to the \$2 million in each year of the biennium proposed in the Governor's biennial budget under reference #2762, an additional \$3 million in each year of the biennium towards operations.

In addition to the new initiatives and recommendations above, the Democratic members of the committee want to emphasize the pressing issues in preK-12 education in the State. The following new initiatives or recommendations of support for pending legislation are reflective of the need to support the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, and preK-12 students and educators in the State.

### General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA) and Language Part C

- An additional \$250,000 in each year of the biennium (for a total of \$500,000) in each year for community schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 25;
- Additional funding for the English Learner budgetary hardship adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 16 for a total of \$1.5 million in the first year of the biennium a recommended \$1 million in the second year of the biennium.

### Child Development Services

- To provide parity in terms of reimbursement for services provided by Child Development Services, support for LR 1003, *An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Payment of Tuition for Children with Disabilities by the Department of Education's Child Development Services System* (sponsored by Representative Gattine), which will propose to direct Child Development Services to work with special purpose private schools and private general purpose agencies to establish appropriate daily rates for the educational component of services.

### State Board of Education

- An additional one-time funding of \$50,000 in the first year of the biennium to support contracted services to perform data gathering, research and facilitation of education stakeholder groups, including in the fields of career and technical education, certification, and school construction, to meet the goals of the Board's 5-year strategic plan. Democratic members of the committee recommend this one-time funding with the expectation that the committee, Department of Education, and State Board of Education will review staffing needs of the State Board of Education going forward.

### Workforce Development

Workforce development is one of the most important and pressing issues in K-12 education in this State and it is vital that the State support appropriate pay, salaries and other forms of financial support to recruit and retain the educator workforce. Accordingly, the Democratic members of the committee recommend support for the following legislation that would increase teacher and support staff pay:

- LR 204, *An Act to Increase the Minimum Teacher Salary* (sponsored by Senator Pierce);
- LD 955, *An Act to Address Shortages of School Support Staff by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage for Those Staff* (sponsored by Representative Millett); and
- LD 974, *An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff* (sponsored by Representative Crockett).

### Student Supports

Sufficient funds and resources are necessary to assist schools in closing the achievement gap, especially in regards to reading. Additionally, it is clear that schools need more resources towards supporting K-12 student mental health. Accordingly, the Democratic members of the committee recommend support for:

- LR 57, *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Department of Education Study on Reading Proficiency* (sponsored by Representative Brennan); and
- LD 829, *An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools*, (sponsored by Representative Crafts).

**Republican Committee Member Recommendations (Minority Report)**

The Republican members of the committee recommend the following amended initiatives and offer the following additional information and explanation of the Republican committee members' votes on specific proposals raised in the Governor's proposed biennial budget.

Maine Community College System Free College Initiative – Reference # 3214

The Republican members of the committee propose that the money being provided to the MCCS Free College program should instead be designated for vouchers for graduating high school students to attend any postsecondary institution in Maine at which the student is accepted. The voucher amount would be determined as a per-pupil rate.

Maine Maritime Academy – Reference # 2762

Republican members of the committee propose an additional \$6 million in each year of the biennium (for a total of \$8 million in each year of the biennium) to Maine Maritime Academy operations. The members believe in meritocracy and feel that Maine Maritime Academy has consistently demonstrated a record of excellence, which should be recognized and support through this additional funding.

University of Maine System – Reference #s 3255, 3256, 3257, 3264, and 3268

The Republican members of the committee voted in opposition to each of the initiatives for the University of Maine System under the committee's jurisdiction. The University of Maine System currently requires that students who plan to participate in any on-campus or university-sponsored experience must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. House Republicans sent an open letter to Chancellor Malloy requesting that the COVID-19 vaccination mandate be lifted for all students, the Republican members of the committee further sent out a press release on February 28, 2023 similarly requesting the lifting of the mandate.

Requiring the COVID-19 vaccination negatively impacts students who may have wanted to attend a college of the University of Maine System but who opted against enrolling because of the COVID-19 vaccination mandate. Should the University of Maine System lift the COVID-19 mandate, the Republican members of the committee would be in support of each of these initiatives.

Department of Education – General Recommendations on the Department of Education, including the Maine School Safety Center; and Learning System Team and federal ESSER Grant Funding

As demonstrated in the attached spreadsheets, Republican members of the committee voted a number of initiatives “out” of the biennial budget. The reason for these votes primarily addressed concerns of unnecessary department growth during the last two years. The members note that while students in the State were forced into remote learning or to wear masks in schools, businesses were forced to close, people were unable to make a living, and unemployment options were limited to non-existent, the Department of Education expanded by approximately 10%.

The Republican members of the committee calculate that the sum of all of the initiatives voted “out” equals approximately \$70 million. As noted above, the Republican members recommend \$6 million of that go to Maine Maritime Academy. Republican members recommend that the remaining \$64 million instead be provided to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA) to be distributed through the Essential Programs and Services funding formula to publicly-funded schools in this State. Local schools, and local control, are the backbone of education in this State, and these funds are best utilized directly in the classrooms supporting students, teachers, and education technicians.

One aspect of local schools that should and is being accomplished at the local level is regarding student safety. During the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the Department of Education established the Maine School Safety Center to ensure the overall safety of schools with a primary role to provide training, guidance and technical support to schools regarding safety and security. A subsequent amendment to the establishing statute has expanded the Center’s role beyond its original intent. Republican members of the committee note that the abundance of additional positions proposed to be established – or limited period positions proposed to be made permanent – for the Maine School Safety Center are unnecessary and accordingly voted each of the initiatives for the Department of Education’s Maine School Safety Center “out” of the biennial budget. For these members, the Department of Education’s expansion of the Maine School Safety Center, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, has been unacceptable. This work is best done at the local level, with local control, and without the additional layer of bureaucracy from the Maine School Safety Center. As noted in the paragraph above, additional funds are best utilized when they are sent directly to be used in the classroom.

Republican members of the committee voted in opposition to the initiative to provide additional funding to Child Development Services to develop additional preschool program (reference #1092). These members noted that with many existing resources at parents’ disposal, additional funding for Child Development Services is not necessary. Such resources and organizations include:

- Families CAN!, which is designed to promote the 5 protective factors of parental resilience, social connection, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and healthy social and emotional competence of children;
- Maine Parent Federation, including KidsCount, which offers intervention services;

- Maine Children’s Alliance;
- Elevate Maine, which partners with rural child care facilities and offers center-based programs; and
- Pediatricians offices, church services, and food banks, which all help link parents to needed services.

Republican members of the committee voted against each of the initiatives for the Learning Systems program within the Department of Education, with particular opposition to the initiatives related to the federal ESSER grants received by the Department of Education, which these members noted totaled approximately \$638 million. The third round of funding, ESSER III, included agreements with the Commissioner of Education and local superintendents to meet certain requirements in the grants. Receipt of the funds was also conditioned on accountability measures and required specific tasks and obligations to provide transparency for the public. Republican members of the committee indicate that this did not happen, in violation of the grant, and that evidence of the noncompliance was included on a spreadsheet that was ultimately submitted to the United States Department of Education. However, when submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, the information on the noncompliance was not included. Accordingly, the Republican members of the committee recommend requesting a forensic audit of all of the funding that was provided to the Department of Education through the federal ESSER funding.

### **Conclusion**

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs thanks you for your time and consideration of our recommendations – those in the attached spreadsheets and contained in this memorandum – on the Governor’s proposed biennial budget. In addition to our recommendations, our OPLA and OFPR staff have compiled all of the additional information we received over the course of our deliberations so that you may access to those materials as well.

We look forward to continued discussions with your committee about how best to support cultural affairs and education in this State. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the information that we have provided for you today.



EDU vote: IN 8-4

PART QQQ

Minority: see report-back  
letter for amendment narrative

**Sec. QQQ-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System on or before June 30, 2024 to provide 2 years of free community college for all eligible students.

**Sec. QQQ-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System on or before June 30, 2025 to provide 2 years of free community college for all eligible students.

PART QQQ  
SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Controller to transfer to \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 from unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System to provide 2 years of free community college for high school graduates in the classes of 2024 and 2025 who enroll in a Maine community college full-time.

EDU vote: IN 12-0

**PART NN**

**Sec. NN-1. Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration; lapsed balances.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$134,125 of unencumbered balance forward from the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

**PART NN  
SUMMARY**

This Part lapses \$134,125 of unencumbered balance forward from the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration, General Fund account to the General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24.

EDU vote: IN 8-4

Minority: lw as amended  
See report-back letter for  
amendment narrative

PART C

**Sec. C-1. Mill expectation.** The mill expectation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A for fiscal year 2023-24 is 7.29

**Sec. C-2. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§8** is amended to read;

**8. ~~Pilot~~ Projects for middle school career and technical education exploration.** ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 and for the 2 subsequent fiscal years,~~ The commissioner may expend and disburse funds to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions for ~~pilot~~ projects for middle school level plans approved pursuant to chapter 313 to create career and technical education exploration programs for middle school level students. The commissioner, in collaboration with career and technical education directors, also may contract for services to implement ~~pilot~~ projects for middle school level plans. A middle school level plan must demonstrate to the commissioner a partnership between a school administrative unit and a career and technical education center or career and technical education region.

**Sec. C-3. Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.** The total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2023-24 is as follows:

	2023-24 TOTAL
<b>Total Operating Allocation</b>	
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683	\$1,566,469,714
Total operating allocation for public charter schools pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683-B	30,466,261
Total adjustments to state subsidy pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689 included in subsidizable costs and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$616,136,771
<b>Total Operating Allocation and Subsidizable Costs</b>	
Total operating allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683 and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$2,213,072,746

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**Total Debt Service Allocation**

SYNOPSIS

Total debt service allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683-A \$104,788,669

**Total Adjustments and Targeted Education Funds**

Adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689

Audit adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 4 \$225,000

Educating students in long-term drug treatment center adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 5 \$249,607

Minimum teacher salary adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 7-A \$0

Regionalization, consolidation, and efficiency assistance adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 9 \$5,977,208

Maine Care seed payments adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 14 \$1,334,776

Special Education Hardship adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 15 \$500,000

English Learner budgetary hardship adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 16 \$1,000,000

Total adjustments to the state share of total allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689 \$9,286,591

**Targeted Education Funds pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A**

Special education costs for state agency clients and state wards pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 1 \$33,398,180

Essential programs and services components contract pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 3 \$250,000

Data management and support services for essential programs and services pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 10	\$11,684,776
Postsecondary course payments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 11	\$5,500,000
National board certification salary supplement pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 12	\$0
Learning through technology program pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 12-A	\$14,000,000
Jobs for Maine's Graduates including college pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 13	\$3,881,379
Maine School of Science and Mathematics pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 14	\$3,615,347
Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 15	\$8,712,565
Transportation administration pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 16	\$666,220
Special education for juvenile offenders pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 17	\$407,999
Comprehensive early college programs funding (bridge year program) pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 23	\$1,000,000
Community schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 25	\$250,000
Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 26	\$0
Instruments and Professional Development in rural schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 28	\$50,000

Total targeted education funds pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A	\$83,416,466
Enhancing student performance and opportunity pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A and section 15672, subsection 1-D	
Career and technical education costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 1	\$66,704,126
College transitions programs through adult education college readiness programs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 2	\$450,000
National industry standards for career and technical education pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 6	\$2,000,000
Career and technical education middle school grant program pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688, subsection 8	\$500,000
Career and technical education early childhood education program expansion support pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 10	\$100,000
Total enhancing student performance and opportunity pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A and section 15672, subsection 1-D	\$69,754,126
<b>Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12</b>	
Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, not including normal retirement costs	\$2,480,318,598
Total normal cost of teacher retirement	\$64,953,243
Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, including normal retirement costs	\$2,545,271,841
Total cost of state contribution to unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teacher health insurance and retired	\$264,776,991

teacher life insurance for fiscal year 2022-23 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423, excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement

Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, plus state contributions to the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teacher health insurance and retired teacher life insurance for fiscal year 2022-23 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423	\$2,810,048,832
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**Sec. C-4. Local and state contributions to total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.** The local contribution and the state contribution appropriation provided for general purpose aid for local schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 is calculated as follows:

	2023-24 LOCAL	2023-24 STATE
<b>Local and State Contributions to the Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12</b>		
Local and state contributions to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683, subject to statewide distributions required by law	\$1,145,097,328	\$1,400,174,513
State contribution to the total cost of unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, teacher retirement health insurance and teacher retirement life insurance for fiscal year 2022-23 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement		\$264,776,991
State contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 plus state contribution to the total cost of unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, teacher retirement health insurance and teacher retirement life insurance pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423		\$1,664,951,504

**Sec. C-5. Authorization of payments.** If the State's continued obligation for any individual component contained in those sections of this Act that set the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the local and state contributions for that purpose exceeds the level of funding provided for that component, any unexpended balances occurring in other programs may be applied to avoid proration of payments for any individual component. Any unexpended balances from this Act may not lapse but must be carried forward for the same purpose.

**Sec. C-6. Limit of State's obligation.** Those sections of this Act that set the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the local and state contributions for that purpose may not be construed to require the State to provide payments that exceed the appropriation of funds for general purpose aid for local schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

## **PART C SUMMARY**

This Part 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 2023-2024. This section also makes permanent a career and technical education middle school grant program.

Language Part QQ  
EDU Vote: 10-0  
In as amended

Sec. QQ. 30-A MRSA §5953-G, is amended to read:

**1. Additional securities.** The bond bank may issue additional securities in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for equipment purchases or building infrastructure necessary to support the new or updated equipment to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions in accordance with this section, and the additional securities must be used for those purposes.

**2. Issuance.** The bond bank may not issue any additional securities pursuant to this section after June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

**3. Report.** The bond bank shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs upon the maturity of all bond proceeds pursuant to this section. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs may report out a bill to repeal this section and any related provisions of law upon receipt of that report.

**4. Department of Education application; criteria.** A career and technical education center or career and technical education region may submit an application for a project, projects or part of any project, as defined in Title 4, section 1603, subsection 7, to the Department of Education. The Department of Education shall establish criteria for the approval of any project, projects or part of any project. The Department of Education shall notify the bond bank of any approved project, projects or part of any project under this subsection.

**5. Debt service.** Debt service costs for bonds issued by the bond bank to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions for equipment purchases or building infrastructure necessary to support the new or updated equipment pursuant to this section must be paid by the State. Debt service costs must be paid by the Commissioner of Education to the bond bank according to each career and technical education center's or career and technical education region's debt retirement schedule developed by the bond bank. All debt service costs must be paid by the Commissioner of Education to the bond bank 15 days prior to the date of the career and technical education center's or career and technical education region's next debt service cost payment as outlined in the career and technical education center's or career and technical education region's debt retirement schedule.

**LD 258**  
**2024-2025 Biennial Budget Proposals**  
**Cultural Affairs Agencies**  
**Initiatives**

Line	EDU CMTE Vote	Fund	Page # (Budget Doc.)	Page # of related initiative (Budget Doc.)	Page # (Cmte Rpt)	Page # of related initiative (Cmte Rpt)	Ref. ##	Agency	Program	Initiative	FY24	FY25	Notes
1	In 12-0	GF	A-167		13		851	Maine State Cultural Affairs Council	Maine Cultural Affairs Council New Century Program	Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.	790	801	
2	In 12-0	GF	A-427		104-105		1498	Maine Historic Preservation Commission	Historic Preservation Commission	Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Risk Management based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney fees on claims, and actuarially recommended reserves.	1,029	1,029	
3	In 12-0	GF	A-427		105		1499	Maine Historic Preservation Commission	Historic Preservation Commission	Provides funding for the statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.	27,643	8,871	
4	In 12-0	GF	A-427		105-106		1500	Maine Historic Preservation Commission	Historic Preservation Commission	Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.	5,664	6,745	
5	In 12-0	GF	A-429		109		1508	Maine Historical Society	Historical Society	Provides one-time funding to comission a comprehensive information technology data security audit and subsequent year of systems management.	15,000	15,000	
6	In 12-0	GF	A-429		109-110		1509	Maine Historical Society	Historical Society	Provides one-time funding for three grant funded staff to recover historical data lost in a data security breach.	10,000	10,000	
7	In 12-0	GF	A-429		110		1510	Maine Historical Society	Historical Society	Provides one-time funding to upgrade antiquated technology hardware.	25,000	25,000	

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8	In 12-0	GF	A-517		117-118		2609	Maine State Library	Maine State Library	Provides funding to support the increased volume of statewide content licensed for the Bendable Maine Lifelong Learning Platform and Digital Maine Library.	250,000	250,000	
9	In 12-0	GF	A-517		118		2610	Maine State Library	Maine State Library	Provides funding to address the increased rate charged to the Maine State Library for the provision of materials delivery service to over 200 libraries across the State, including public and academic libraries.	45,000	45,000	
10	In 12-0	GF	A-517		118-119		2611	Maine State Library	Maine State Library	Provides ongoing funding to adjust for the increased cost of collection purchases at the Maine State Library.	50,000	15,000	
11	In 12-0	GF	A-518		119		2612	Maine State Library	Maine State Library	Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Risk Management based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney fees on claims, and actuarially recommended reserves.	3,587	3,587	
12	In 12-0	GF	A-518		119		2613	Maine State Library	Maine State Library	Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.	26,009	29,058	
13	In 12-0	GF	A-518		120		2614	Maine State Library	Maine State Library	Provides one-time funding to replace 6 obsolete microfilm machines at the Maine State Library.	55,000	0	
14	In 12-0	GF	A-518		120		2615	Maine State Library	Maine State Library	Provides one-time funding to replace the integrated library system for University of Maine System libraries, the Maine State Library, the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library, Bangor Public Library, and Portland Public Library (collectively referred to as URSUS).	300,000	0	

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15	In 10-2	GF	A-545		130-131		2789	Maine State Museum	Maine State Museum	Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.	44,633	75,387	Minority Report is "Out"
16	In 12-0	GF	A-545		131		2790	Maine State Museum	Maine State Museum	Provides one-time funding for shelving to support, organize, care for, and make available the Maine State Museum's extensive and growing archival, historic photograph, and map collections.	0	35,000	
17	In 12-0	GF	A-545		131-132		2791	Maine State Museum	Maine State Museum	Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Risk Management based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney fees on claims, and actuarially recommended reserves.	7,130	7,130	
18	In 12-0	GF	A-545		132		2792	Maine State Museum	Maine State Museum	Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.	9,194	10,270	
19	In 12-0	OSR	A-547		134		2784	Maine State Museum	Research & Collection - Museum	Provides one-time funding for improvements and purchases related to the newly redesigned and rebuilt main floor of the Maine State Museum.	44,000	44,000	

Summary of initiatives - Cultural Agencies		
Agency	FY24	FY25
Maine State Cultural Affairs Council	790	801
Maine Historic Preservation Commission	34,336	16,645
Maine Historical Society	50,000	50,000
Maine State Library	729,596	342,645
Maine State Museum	60,957	127,787
Maine State Museum	44,000	44,000
<b>Total Cultural Agencies</b>	<b>919,679</b>	<b>581,878</b>

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1	In 12-0	GF	A-136		8-9		3210	Maine Community College System	Maine Community College System	Provides ongoing funding for grant awards to support homeless youth in Maine as enacted by Public Law 2019, chapter 538.	AO	63,000	63,000	
2	In 12-0	OSR	A-136		9		3211	Maine Community College System	Maine Community College System	Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.	AO	400,029	406,603	
3	In 10-2	GF	A-136		9		3212	Maine Community College System	Maine Community College System	Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current Maine Community College System operations.	AO	3,545,506	7,250,559	
4	In 8-4	OSR	A-137		11		3214	Maine Community College System	MCCS Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years	Provides one-time funding for up to 2 years of free community college for all high school graduates in the classes of 2024 and 2025 who enroll in a Maine community college full-time.	AO	7,500,000	7,500,000	Also Part QQQ (transfer from unappropriated surplus of GF) <b>See report back letter for minority amendment</b>
5	In 12-0	GF	A-539		124		2773	Maine Maritime Academy	Maine Maritime Academy - Debt Service	Provides ongoing funding for debt service to support a 10-year revenue bond for repairs to Curtis Hall due to the increased construction and support service costs.	AO	1,040,919	1,945,275	
6	In 12-0	OSR	A-540		125		2767	Maine Maritime Academy	Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino	Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.	AO	26,012	26,384	
7	In 8-4	GF	A-541		126		2762	Maine Maritime Academy	Maritime Academy - Operations	Provides funding to increase the state share of operational funding towards parity with other Maine colleges that have enrollment within approximately 50% of Maine Maritime Academy.	AO	2,000,000	2,000,000	Minority report proposes to add \$6.0 million per year
8	In 12-0	GF	A-541		126-127		2763	Maine Maritime Academy	Maritime Academy - Operations	Provides funding for grant awards to support homeless youth in Maine as enacted by Public Law 2019, chapter 538.	AO	5,000	5,000	
9	In 12-0	GF	A-541		127		2764	Maine Maritime Academy	Maritime Academy - Operations	Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current Maine Maritime Academy operations.	AO	439,715	899,217	
10	In 12-0	GF	A-542		128		2770	Maine Maritime Academy	Maritime Academy - Schooner Bowdoin	Provides one-time funding for 50% of the cost of the Schooner Bowdoin Arctic expedition.	AO	40,836	106,406	

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11	In 8-4	OSR	A-644		140		3255	University of Maine System	Educational & General Activities - UMS	Provides funding for scholarships based on annual revenue trends.	AO	15,000	15,000	See discussion in minority report of committee's report back letter.
12	In 8-4	GF	A-644		140-141		3256	University of Maine System	Educational & General Activities - UMS	Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current University of Maine System operations.	AO	9,543,155	19,515,752	See discussion in minority report of committee's report back letter.
13	In 8-4	GF	A-644		141		3257	University of Maine System	Educational & General Activities - UMS	Provides ongoing funding to offset in-state tuition increases. This continues one-time funding provided in Public Law 2021, chapter 635.	AO	7,935,354	7,935,354	See discussion in minority report of committee's report back letter.
14	In 8-4	GF	A-646		144		3264	University of Maine System	Maine Economic Improvement Fund	Provides funding to leverage the University of Maine's new R1 Carnegie Classification and to expand the University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy research, development and commercialization activity as well as external grants and contracts in direct support of Maine workforce and economic development.	AO	3,000,000	3,000,000	See discussion in minority report of committee's report back letter.
15	In 8-4	OSR	A-649		145		3268	University of Maine System	University of Maine Scholarship Fund	Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.	AO	603,895	612,292	See discussion in minority report of committee's report back letter.

Summary of Initiatives			
Institution	Fund	FY24	FY25
Maine Community College System	GF	3,608,506	7,313,559
	OSR	7,900,029	7,906,603
Maine Maritime Academy	GF	3,526,470	4,955,898
	OSR	26,012	26,384
University of Maine System	GF	20,478,509	30,451,106
	OSR	618,895	627,292
<b>Total Higher Educational Institutions</b>		<b>36,158,421</b>	<b>51,280,842</b>

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Department of Education initiatives	General Fund				Other Special Revenue Funds				Federal Expenditures Fund				Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP				Total - All Funds			
	FY 24 Head Count	FY 25 Head Count	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total	FY 24 Head Count	FY 25 Head Count	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total	FY 24 Head Count	FY 25 Head Count	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total	FY 24 Head Count	FY 25 Head Count	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total	FY 24 Head Count	FY 25 Head Count	FY 24 Total	FY 25 Total
<b>Administrative-related:</b>																				
Administrative "Housekeeping"	0.0	0.0	(3,209)	(4,667)	0.0	0.0	2,890,198	2,949,371	0.0	0.0	6,103,080	6,028,663	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	8,990,069	8,973,367
Administrative Travel	0.0	0.0	51,687	51,687	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	51,687	51,687
Administrative - Service Center/OIT	0.0	0.0	408,187	434,283	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	408,187	434,283
<b>Total - Administrative-related initiatives</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>456,665</b>	<b>481,303</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,890,198</b>	<b>2,949,371</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6,103,080</b>	<b>6,028,663</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9,449,943</b>	<b>9,459,337</b>
<b>Position-related:</b>																				
State Board of Education	0.0	0.0	12,575	12,572	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	12,575	12,572
Approved position reorganization	0.0	0.0	5,034	5,033	0.0	0.0	9,930	9,926	0.0	0.0	17,752	18,379	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	32,716	33,338
Continues existing limited-period position(s)	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	892,422	766,091	0.0	0.0	892,422	766,091
Establishes new limited-period position	0.0	0.0	226,940	237,423	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	226,940	237,423
Establishes new full-time position(s)	2.5	2.5	291,822	304,733	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	2.5	2.5	291,822	304,733
Makes perm. ARP-funded limited-period positions (moves to GF)	1.0	10.0	85,554	891,932	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	9.0	0.0	1,130,464	304,497	10.0	10.0	1,216,018	1,196,429
Makes perm. Fed. funded limited-period positions (moves to GF)	1.0	1.0	101,060	136,764	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	32,220	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	1.0	1.0	133,280	136,764
Makes permanent General Fund limited-period positions	7.0	7.0	658,285	705,510	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	7.0	7.0	658,285	705,510
Makes permanent federally funded limited-period position	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	1.0	1.0	128,043	130,108	0.0	0.0	-	-	1.0	1.0	128,043	130,108
Position transferred from federal funds to General Fund	1.0	1.0	113,041	114,316	0.0	0.0	-	-	-1.0	-1.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	113,041	114,316
Position transferred from General Fund to federal funds	-1.0	-1.0	(121,334)	(123,041)	0.0	0.0	-	-	1.0	1.0	124,217	125,964	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	2,883	2,923
<b>Total - Position-related initiatives</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>1,372,977</b>	<b>2,285,242</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9,930</b>	<b>9,926</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>302,232</b>	<b>274,451</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,022,886</b>	<b>1,070,588</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>3,708,025</b>	<b>3,640,207</b>
<b>"Net Zero related:</b>																				
"Initiatives with "net zero" impact	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	-	-	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	-	-	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	-	-	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-
<b>All Other DOE Initiatives:</b>																				
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools	0.0	0.0	42,056,232	59,989,389	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	42,056,232	59,989,389
Free breakfast/lunch for students	0.0	0.0	28,936,881	28,936,881	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	28,936,881	28,936,881
Teacher retirement (UAL and life insurance premiums)	0.0	0.0	15,042,891	21,086,758	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	15,042,891	21,086,758
Child Development Services (CDS)	0.0	0.0	6,364,803	7,228,016	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	6,364,803	7,228,016
Other initiatives	0.0	0.0	2,930,800	3,568,943	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0	2,930,800	3,568,943
<b>Total - All Other DOE Initiatives</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>95,331,607</b>	<b>120,809,987</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,331,607</b>	<b>120,809,987</b>
<b>Total - All Dept. of Education Initiatives</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>97,161,249</b>	<b>123,576,532</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,900,128</b>	<b>2,959,297</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>6,405,312</b>	<b>6,303,114</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,022,886</b>	<b>1,070,588</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>108,489,575</b>	<b>133,909,531</b>

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<b>Administrative - "Housekeeping" Initiatives</b>															
1	In 8-4	FED	A-214		22	1093			Child Development Services	Align allocation with existing Part C grant			126,091	126,091	Minority Report is "Out"
2	In 12-0	GF	A-218		29-30	1065			EUT	<u>Net impact</u> of making permanent one Education in the Unorganized Territory Building and Fleet Maintenance Manager position previously continued by Financial Order 002263 F3 and eliminating two Janitor/Bus Driver positions.			(3,209)	(4,667)	
3	In 8-4	OSR	A-224		40-41	1080			GPA	Adjusts allocations to align with projected available resources			2,271,398	2,330,571	<b>Affects Part C</b> Minority Report is "Out"
4	In 8-4	FED	A-234		60	1196			Learning Systems	Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources.			155,475	155,475	Minority Report is "Out"
5	In 12-0	FED	A-234		60	1197			Learning Systems	Provides funding to bring the allocation in line with available resources.			2,540,778	2,532,812	
6	In 12-0	OSR	A-242		73	1218			National Board Certification Salary Supplemental Fund	Provides funding to support national board certification salary supplement payments for national board-certified teachers.			618,800	618,800	
7	In 11-1	FED	A-255		95	1158			Special Services Team	Provides funding to bring the allocation in line with available resources.			3,280,736	3,214,285	Minority Report is "Out"

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<b>Administrative - "Travel" initiatives</b>															
8	In 11-1	GF	A-212		17-18	1086			Adult Education	Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.			1,000	1,000	Minority Report is "Out"
9	In 8-4	GF	A-226		43-44	1203			Higher Education and Educator Support Services	Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.			8,197	8,197	Minority Report is "Out"
10	In 8-4	GF	A-228		48-49	1129			Leadership	Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.			10,000	10,000	Minority Report is "Out"
11	In 12-0	GF	A-237		65-66	1215			Maine Commission for Community Service	Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.			2,490	2,490	
12	In 12-0	GF	A-244		77-78	1268			Office of Innovation	Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.			15,000	15,000	
13	In 12-0	GF	A-246		80	1273			Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways	Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.			15,000	15,000	
<b>Administrative - Service Center/OIT initiatives</b>															
14	In 8-4	GF	A-223		38	1073			GPA	Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.			148,916	148,916	<b>Affects Part C</b> Minority Report is "Out"
15	In 8-4	GF	A-228		47	1117			Leadership	Funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within DAFS			139,353	165,449	Minority Report is "Out"
16	In 11-1	GF	A-252		88-89	1143			School Finance and Operations	Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.			119,918	119,918	Minority Report is "Out"

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1	In 8-4	GF	A-226	A-246	42	1200	79	1271	Higher Education and Educator Support Services	Transfers one Public Service Manager II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from the Higher Education and Educator Support Services program to the Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways program within the same fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.	-1.5	-1.5	(203,670)	(206,052)	Minority Report is "Out"
2	In 8-4	GF	A-246	A-226	79	1271	42	1200	Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways	Transfers one Public Service Manager II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from the Higher Education and Educator Support Services program to the Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways program within the same fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.	1.5	1.5	203,670	206,052	Minority Report is "Out"
3	In 8-4	GF	A-232	A-244	55	1186	77	1267	Learning Systems	Transfers one Education Specialist III position and related All Other costs from the Learning Systems Team program to the Office of Innovation program within the same fund.	-1.0	-1.0	(127,216)	(128,581)	Minority Report is "Out"
4	In 8-4	GF	A-244	A-232	77	1267	55	1186	Office of Innovation	Transfers one Education Specialist III position and related All Other costs from the Learning Systems Team program to the Office of Innovation program within the same fund.	1.0	1.0	127,216	128,581	Minority Report is "Out"
5	In 8-4	GF	A-224	A-228	39	1076	48	1127	GPA	Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Executive II position from 50% Leadership Team program and 50% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to 70% Leadership Team program and 30% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program all within the same fund.			(37,630)	(38,006)	Minority Report is "Out"
6	In 8-4	GF	A-228	A-224	48	1127	39	1076	Leadership	Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Executive II position from 50% Leadership Team program and 50% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to 70% Leadership Team program and 30% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program all within the same fund.			37,630	38,006	Minority Report is "Out"

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7	In 8-4	GF	A-229	A-233, A-253, A-255	49-50	1134	59,91,94	1195, 1149, 1157	Leadership	Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.			135,000	135,000	Minority Report is "Out"
8	In 8-4	GF	A-233	A-229, A-253, A-255	59	1195	49-50,91,94	1134, 1149, 1157	Learning Systems	Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.			(45,000)	(45,000)	Minority Report is "Out"
9	In 8-4	GF	A-253	A-229, A-233, A-255	91	1149	49-50,59,94	1134, 1195, 1157	School Finance and Operations	Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.			(45,000)	(45,000)	Minority Report is "Out"
10	In 8-4	GF	A-255	A-229, A-233, A-253	94	1157	49-50,59,91	1134, 1195, 1149	Special Services Team	Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.			(45,000)	(45,000)	Minority Report is "Out"

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<b>State Board of Education</b>																			
1	In 12-0	GF	A-258		100	1055			State Board of Education	Provides funding for per diem payments to board members			6,000	6,000			6,000	6,000	
2	In 12-0	GF	A-258		100-101	1056			State Board of Education	Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Specialist position to an Office Specialist II position			6,575	6,572			6,575	6,572	
<b>Department of Education Initiatives</b>																			
<b>Approved position reorganization</b>																			
3	In 8-4	GF	A-212		18	1087			Adult Education	Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Office Specialist I position to an Office Specialist II position			5,034	5,033			5,034	5,033	Minority Report is "Out"
4	In 8-4	OSR	A-221		33	1239			Facilities, Safety and Transportation	Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator II position from range 29 to range 31 and provides funding for related All Other costs			9,700	9,696	230	230	9,930	9,926	Minority Report is "Out"
5	In 8-4	GF	A-224		40	1078			GPA	Provides funding for approved reorganization of one Educ. Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator II position and reduces All Other to fund the reorganziation.			7,792	12,200	(7,792)	(12,200)	0	0	Minority Report is "Out"
6	In 8-4	GF	A-224		41	1081			GPA	Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Services Manager II position from range 30 to range 33 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.			12,531	13,177	(12,531)	(13,177)	0	0	Minority Report is "Out"
7	In 8-4	FED	A-231		55-56	1187			Learning Systems	Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Education Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.			17,340	17,952	412	427	17,752	18,379	Minority Report is "Out"

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<b>Continues existing limited-period position(s)</b>																			
8	In 8-4	FED	A-231		52-53	1180			Learning Systems	Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position previously established by Financial Order CV0463 F3 through November 30, 2023 and reduces All Other to fund the position.			61,766	0	(61,766)	0	0	0	Minority Report is "Out"
9	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-232		53-54	1182			Learning Systems	Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager III position previously continued by Financial Order CV0444 F3 through September 30, 2024 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.			168,035	54,200	3,993	1,288	172,028	55,488	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
10	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-231		56-57	1189			Learning Systems	Continues one limited-period Education Specialist II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0457 F3 through September 30, 2024 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.			89,790	30,360	11,204	2,989	100,994	33,349	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
11	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-231		57	1190			Learning Systems	Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager III position, one limited-period Public Service Manager II position, 3 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions and 4 limited-period Management Analyst II positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through January 18, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.			459,252	615,288	10,912	14,619	470,164	629,907	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
12	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-233		57-58	1191			Learning Systems	Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued by Financial Order CV0458 F3 through September 30, 2024 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.			136,912	44,033	12,324	3,314	149,236	47,347	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
<b>Establishes new limited-period position</b>																			
13	In 8-4	GF	A-247		81	1275			Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways	Establishes one limited-period Public Service Manager I position and one limited-period Management Analyst II position through June 7, 2025 to coordinate and oversee program funds and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.			208,120	219,703	18,820	17,720	226,940	237,423	Minority Report is "Out"

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<b>Establishes new full-time position(s)</b>																			
14	In 8-4	GF	A-246		80-81	1274			Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways	Provides funding by increasing the hours of one part-time Office Associate II position from 40 hours to 80 hours biweekly.	0.5	0.5	29,421	29,409	0	0	29,421	29,409	Minority Report is "Out"
15	In 8-4	GF	A-229		50	1135			Leadership	Establishes one Public Service Executive II position to provide leadership required to increase pre-K to adult public education offerings related to climate and energy. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0	1.0	145,625	153,419	9,410	8,860	155,035	162,279	Minority Report is "Out"
16	In 8-4	GF	A-253		89-90	1146			School Finance and Operations	Establishes one Education Specialist III position and provides funding for related All Other costs to support the increased number of child and adult care food program participants as enacted in Public Law 2019, chapter 428.	1.0	1.0	98,506	104,185	8,860	8,860	107,366	113,045	Minority Report is "Out"
<b>Makes permanent ARP-funded limited-period positions (and transfers to GF)</b>																			
17	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-231	A-223	52	1179	37	1072	Learning Systems	Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund, transfers the position to the Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP within the same program beginning October 1, 2023 and then transfers the position to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to fund the position beginning October 1, 2024.	1.0		89,830	30,177	2,134	717	91,964	30,894	Minority Report is "Out"
18	In 8-4	GF	A-223	A-231	37	1072	52	1179	GPA	Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund, transfers the position to the Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP within the same program beginning October 1, 2023 and then transfers the position to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to fund the position beginning October 1, 2024.		1.0	90,530		0	(90,530)	0	0	Minority Report is "Out"

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19	In 8-4	GF	A-244	A-232	76	1265	53	1181	Office of Innovation	Continues and makes permanent one Office Specialist I position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and transfers the position from the Learning System Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0	1.0	76,694	81,327	8,860	8,860	85,554	90,187	Minority Report is "Out"
20	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-232	A-244	53	1181	76	1265	Learning Systems	Continues and makes permanent one Office Specialist I position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and transfers the position from the Learning System Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the Office of Innovation program, General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.			(19,173)	0	(456)	0	(19,629)	0	Minority Report is "Out"
21	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-232	A-251	54-55	1185	84-85	1233	Learning Systems	Continues and makes permanent 2 Regional Education Representative positions previously continued by Financial Order CV00544 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	2.0		265,564	67,401	24,451	6,137	290,015	73,538	Minority Report is "Out"
22	In 8-4	GF	A-251	A-232	84-85	1233	54-55	1185	School and Student Supports	Continues and makes permanent 2 Regional Education Representative positions previously continued by Financial Order CV00544 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.		2.0	0	202,193	0	13,290	0	215,483	Minority Report is "Out"
23	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-230	A-250	56	1188	85-86	1234	Learning Systems	Makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued by Financial Order CV0456 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0		132,782	33,700	12,225	3,068	145,007	36,768	Minority Report is "Out"

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24	In 8-4	GF	A-250	A-230	85-86	1234	56	1188	School and Student Supports	Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued by Financial Order CV0456 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.		1.0		101,097	0	6,645	0	107,742	Minority Report is "Out"
25	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-233	A-251	58	1192	86-87	1236	Learning Systems	Establishes 4 Regional Education Representative positions funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	4.0		416,520	110,077	48,431	11,686	464,951	121,763	Minority Report is "Out"
26	In 8-4	GF	A-251	A-233	86-87	1236	58	1192	School and Student Supports	Establishes 4 Regional Education Representative positions funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.		4.0		330,231	0	26,580	0	356,811	Minority Report is "Out"
27	In 8-4	FED-ARP	A-233	A-229	59	1194	49	1132	Learning Systems	Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Executive II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0543 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the Leadership Team program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0		145,625	38,355	12,531	3,179	158,156	41,534	Minority Report is "Out"
28	In 8-4	GF	A-229	A-233	49	1132	59	1194	Leadership	Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Executive II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0543 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund-ARP to the Leadership Team program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.		1.0		115,064	0	6,645	0	121,709	Minority Report is "Out"

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<b>Makes permanent federally funded limited-period positions (and transfers to GF)</b>																			
29	In 8-4	FED	A-239	A-239	70	1252	70	1251	Maine School Safety Center	Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued in Financial Order 002262 F3 funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to the General Fund within the same program beginning October 1, 2023. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.			31,472	0	748	0	32,220	0	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
30	In 8-4	GF	A-239	A-239	70	1251	70	1252	Maine School Safety Center	Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued in Financial Order 002262 F3 funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to the General Fund within the same program beginning October 1, 2023. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0	1.0	94,415	127,904	6,645	8,860	101,060	136,764	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
<b>Makes permanent General Fund limited-period positions</b>																			
31	In 8-4	GF	A-223		39-40	1077			GPA	Makes permanent one Education Specialist III position and one Public Service Manager III position previously continued in PL 21, chapter 29 and reduces All Other to fund positions	2.0	2.0	273,758	281,897	(273,758)	(281,897)	0	0	Minority Report is "Out"
32	In 8-4	GF	A-228		47-48	1125			Leadership	Continues and makes permanent one Management Analyst II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29. This initiative also provides funding for the approved reorganization of the Management Analyst II position to a Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0	1.0	114,602	120,194	8,860	8,860	123,462	129,054	Minority Report is "Out"
33	In 8-4	GF	A-240		69	1249			Maine School Safety Center	Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29. This initiative also provides funding for the approved reorganization of the Public Service Manager II position to a Public Service Executive II position.	1.0	1.0	174,392	176,392	0	0	174,392	176,392	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
34	In 8-4	GF	A-240		69-70	1250			Maine School Safety Center	Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29. This initiative also provides funding for the approved reorganization of the Public Service Coordinator II position to a Public Service Manager II position.	1.0	1.0	156,806	158,811	0	0	156,806	158,811	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter

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35	In 8-4	GF	A-250		86	1235			School and Student Supports	Continues and makes permanent one Secretary Specialist Supervisor position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29.	1.0	1.0	99,615	101,643	0	0	99,615	101,643	Minority Report is "Out"
36	In 8-4	GF	A-239		68	1245			Maine School Safety Center	Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to the General Fund within the same program beginning October 1, 2023. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0	1.0	97,365	130,750	6,645	8,860	104,010	139,610	Minority is "out" - see discussion in report-back letter
<b>Makes permanent federally funded limited-period position</b>																			
37	In 8-4	FED	A-255		95	1159			Special Services Team	Continues and makes permanent one Education Specialist III position previously continued by Financial Order 002249 F3 and provides funding for related All Other costs.	1.0	1.0	125,071	127,088	2,972	3,020	128,043	130,108	Minority Report is "Out"
<b>Position transferred from federal funds to General Fund</b>																			
38	In 8-4	GF	A-244	A-232	76-77	1266	54	1183, 1184	Office of Innovation	Transfers and reallocates one Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position from 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund in the Learning Systems Team program to 100% Office of Innovation program, General Fund and adjusts funding for All Other costs related to the position. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund to keep the allocation in line with available resources.	1.0	1.0	125,600	127,018	10,000	10,000	135,600	137,018	Minority Report is "Out"
39	In 8-4	FED	A-232	A-244	54	1184	76-77	1183, 1266	Learning Systems	Transfers and reallocates one Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position from 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund in the Learning Systems Team program to 100% Office of Innovation program, General Fund and adjusts funding for All Other costs related to the position. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund to keep the allocation in line with available resources.	-1.0	-1.0	(113,041)	(114,316)	113,041	114,316	0	0	Minority Report is "Out"
40	In 8-4	GF	A-232	A-244	54	1183	76-77	1184, 1266	Learning Systems	Transfers and reallocates one Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position from 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund in the Learning Systems Team program to 100% Office of Innovation program, General Fund and adjusts funding for All Other costs related to the position. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund to keep the allocation in line with available resources.			(12,559)	(12,702)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(22,559)	(22,702)	Minority Report is "Out"

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<b>Position transferred from General Fund to federal funds</b>																			
41	In 8-4	GF	A-224	A-233	40	1079	58-59	1193	GPA	Transfers one Education Specialist III position from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund for related All Other costs.	-1.0	-1.0	(121,334)	(123,041)	0	0	(121,334)	(123,041)	Minority Report is "Out"
42	In 8-4	FED	A-233	A-224	58-59	1193	40	1079	Learning Systems	Transfers one Education Specialist III position from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund for related All Other costs.	1.0	1.0	121,334	123,041	2,883	2,923	124,217	125,964	Minority Report is "Out"

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1	In 8-4	GF	A-214		21	1091			Child Development Services	Increases in staff costs attributed to collective bargaining			1,527,838	1,527,838	Minority Report is "Out"
2	In 7-3	GF	A-214		21-22	1092			Child Development Services	Funding to develop additional preschool programming			4,836,965	5,700,178	Minority is "out" see discussion in report-back letter
3	In 12-0	GF	A-218		30	1066			EUT	Provides funding for increased tuition, transportation and special education service			250,000	250,000	
4	In 12-0	GF	A-218		30	1067			EUT	Provides funding to maintain an updated fleet of school buses			120,000	120,000	
5	In 12-0	GF	A-219		30-31	1068			EUT	One-time funding to update mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and address exterior building enclosure deficiencies at Connor Consolidated School			750,000	0	
6	In 12-0	GF	A-223		38	1074			GPA	Funding for CTE exploration programs for middle school level students			500,000	500,000	Affects Part C
7	In 12-0	GF	A-224		38-39	1075			GPA	Funding to maintain the statutory requirement of funding 55% of the total cost of K-12 public education			41,556,232	59,489,389	Affects Part C
8	In 8-4	GF	A-226		42-43	1201			Higher Education and Educator Support Services	Funding for the increased cost of contracted services for hearing officers			12,500	12,500	Minority Report is "Out"
9	In 8-4	GF	A-226		43	1202			Higher Education and Educator Support Services	Funding to support educator workforce development and recognition			14,300	14,300	Minority Report is "Out"
10	In 8-4	GF	A-239		69	1248			Maine School Safety Center	Funding for annual professional development, training and certification			81,000	81,000	Minority is "out" see discussion in report-back letter

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11	In 12-0	GF	A-246		79-80	1272			Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways	Provides funding for debt service costs associated with the bonding authority for career and technical education centers and regions as enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 398.			1,400,000	2,833,143	
12	In 8-4	GF	A-252		89	1144			School Finance and Operations	Provides funding to school administrative units for the increased cost of maintaining an internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under federal School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program as enacted by Public Law 2019, chapter 480.			68,000	68,000	Minority Report is "Out"
13	In 12-0	GF	A-252		89	1145			School Finance and Operations	Provides funding to pay the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the full price of a breakfast or lunch for publicly funded students that attend a private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students that are ineligible for a free breakfast or lunch as enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 759, An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation.			1,835,816	1,835,816	
14	In 12-0	GF	A-253		90	1147			School Finance and Operations	Provides one-time funding to revise major capital school construction planning documents.			45,000	0	
15	In 8-4	GF	A-253		90-91	1148			School Finance and Operations	Provides funding 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 enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part OOOO.			27,101,065	27,101,065	Minority Report is "Out"
16	In 9-3	GF	A-253		91	1150			School Finance and Operations	Provides funding for a contracted green building expert to support green construction and renovation in school buildings statewide.			190,000	190,000	Minority Report is "Out"
17	In 12-0	GF	A-248		82	1107			Retired Teachers Group Life Insurance	Funding for group life insurance for retired teachers			132,590	266,219	
18	In 12-0	GF	A-257		98	1060			Teacher Retirement	Provides funding for teacher retirement costs based upon actuarial estimates from MainePERS			14,910,301	20,820,539	