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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$369,504	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$138,121)	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$231,383	\$0	\$0

PART B

Sec. B-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$9,000,000 in the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, of which up to \$2,000,000 must be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project and up to \$7,000,000 must be used for the new license plate general issue project. These funds were previously authorized to be carried forward in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B.

PART C

Sec. C-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$2,500,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2024-25 to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program. These funds must be used to continue the modernization of systems and services at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 21, 2025.

**CHAPTER 4
S.P. 28 - L.D. 17**

**An Act to Designate the
Warden of the Maine State
Prison as Chief Administrative
Officer of the Bolduc
Correctional Facility**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3231, sub-§3, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 583, §18, is amended to read:

A. The warden may appoint deputy wardens, subject to the Civil Service Law. A deputy warden designated by the warden has the powers, duties, obligations and liabilities of the warden when the warden is absent ~~from the prison location~~ or is unable to perform the duties of the office.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §4203, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 508, §7, is amended to read:

§4203. ~~Director~~ Warden

1. Chief administrative officer. The chief administrative officer of the facility is ~~called the director and the warden of the Maine State Prison, referred to in this subchapter as "the warden."~~ The warden is responsible to the commissioner.

2. Duties. In addition to other duties set out in this Title, the ~~director~~ warden has the following duties.

A. The ~~director~~ warden shall exercise proper supervision over the employees, grounds, buildings and equipment at the facility.

B. The ~~director~~ warden shall supervise and control the prisoners at the facility in accordance with departmental rules.

~~**3. Powers.** In addition to other powers granted in this Title, the director may appoint one assistant director, subject to the Civil Service Law; the assistant director has the powers, duties, obligations and liabilities of the director when the director is absent or unable to perform the director's duties.~~

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §4204, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 508, §7, is amended to read:

2. Education. The ~~director~~ warden shall maintain suitable courses for academic and career and technical education of the prisoners. The ~~director~~ warden shall maintain necessary equipment and employ suitable qualified instructors as necessary to carry out the objectives of the facility's programs.

Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §4205, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 48, §2, is amended to read:

§4205. Employees of the facility

Employees of the facility have the same power as do deputy sheriffs in their respective counties to search for and apprehend escapees from the facility when authorized to do so by the ~~director~~ warden.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 5
H.P. 49 - L.D. 85

An Act to Revitalize the Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§36-C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

36-C.

Table with 4 columns: Human Services, Maine, Not Authorized, 22 MRSA. Row 1: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council, Expenses/Legislative Per Diem for Nonsalaried Employee Members, §3789-D

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3789-D, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §7, is further amended to read:

§3789-D. Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council

1. Duties. The Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Advisory Council, as referred to in this section as "the council," is established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 36-C, shall to advise the commissioner or the commissioner's designee regarding education, training, job opportunities, quality employment and business ownership opportunities, the operation of any postsecondary education programs administered by the department and other matters affecting recipients of TANF recipients cash and other TANF recipients.

2. Members. The commissioner shall appoint the members of the council. Members who fail to attend 2 meetings within a 12-month period may be removed from the council. Members must include at least the following:

- A. Two recipients of benefits under the TANF program;
B. One representative of employers within the State;
C. One representative of organized labor;
D. One representative of women's interests;

E. One or more representatives of organizations or agencies that have experience in addressing the training, education and job needs of low-income women;

F. One representative of the one-stop delivery system established under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 United States Code, Section 3151; and

G. Two representatives of postsecondary education, one representing private institutions and one representing public institutions.

3. Advice regarding postsecondary education programs. The council shall establish a postsecondary education subcommittee, consisting of up to 15 members and nonmembers of the council. The subcommittee must include but is not limited to the following representatives:

A. A representative of the department, appointed by the commissioner;

B. A representative of the University of Maine System who represents the interests of women or nontraditional students at one of the campuses, appointed by the chancellor;

C. A representative of the Finance Authority of Maine appointed by the chief executive officer;

D. Representatives of the Maine Community College System, including a gender coordinator at one of the campuses, appointed by the president; and

E. Representatives of the following groups, appointed by the council:

- (1) Nonprofit service organizations that assist parents who are nontraditional students;
(2) TANF participants or participants of the Parents as Scholars Program established in chapter 1054-B who are enrolled in postsecondary education programs;
(3) Nonprofit organizations that prepare parents to be nontraditional postsecondary education students;
(4) Organizations that represent low income parents and that have significant knowledge of public assistance programs;
(5) Organizations that advocate for the interests of women;
(6) The business community; and
(7) Private postsecondary educational institutions.

By March 1, 1998, the subcommittee shall make recommendations to the council for improving the administration of the Parents as Scholars Program under section