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CHAPTER 450
H.P. 184 - L.D. 284

**An Act to Update Major
Policy-influencing Positions
Within the Maine Human
Rights Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §941, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 729, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §941, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. Commission Counsel.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Reclassifies one Public Service Coordinator III position to a major policy-influencing position.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$2,976	\$10,447
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,976	\$10,447

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CHAPTER 451
H.P. 196 - L.D. 296

**An Act to Appropriate Funds
to the Department of
Environmental Protection,
Lake Water Quality
Restoration and Protection
Fund**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection
Fund Z385**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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CHAPTER 452
S.P. 158 - L.D. 366

**An Act to Ensure Consistency
of Income Tax Deductions for
Retired Members of the
Uniformed Services**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶M-2, as amended by PL 2023, c. 523, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (c) to read:

(c) "Military retirement plan" means retirement plan benefits received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Space Force. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, "military retirement plan" means retirement plan benefits received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 37 United States Code, Section 101(3).

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CHAPTER 453
S.P. 150 - L.D. 384

**An Act to Prevent Student
Homelessness**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 223, sub-c. 12 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 12

STUDENT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

§6691. Student Homelessness Prevention Program

The Student Homelessness Prevention Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department in the office of the department responsible for school and student supports.

1. Purpose. The purpose of the program is to help elementary students and secondary students avoid homelessness by identifying students and families of students who are at risk of homelessness and providing

direct financial assistance to help them maintain stable permanent housing.

2. Fund established. The Student Homelessness Prevention Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund within the department for the purposes of supporting the program. The fund may receive money from any available state, federal or private source.

3. Program requirements. The department shall provide a local educational agency liaison for students experiencing homelessness designated pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 United States Code, Section 11431 et seq. The liaison shall:

A. Identify students who are at risk of homelessness but not yet homeless; and

B. In addition to any federal assistance available, provide up to \$750 per academic year to the family or guardian of a student at risk of homelessness for services authorized under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, in addition to other housing-related needs such as rental assistance, utilities, critical home repairs and other assistance that will help the student avoid homelessness.

4. Assistance not income or asset. Financial assistance received under the program is not income for purposes of the State's income tax laws and is not income or an asset for the purposes of determining eligibility for or the benefit amount to be paid from any public assistance program administered by the State or by a municipality pursuant to Title 22, chapter 1161.

5. Rules. The department may adopt rules to implement the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to help students avoid homelessness by providing liaisons designated pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001 access to emergency financial assistance for the family of a student in an amount of up to \$750 per student.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000

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CHAPTER 454

H.P. 288 - L.D. 434

An Act to Authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue Additional Securities for the Replacement of the Legislative Management System for the Senate and the House of Representatives

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-R is enacted to read:

§1610-R. Additional securities; legislative branch

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 outstanding at any one time for paying the costs associated with planning, purchasing, customizing and implementing an integrated electronic legislative management system to replace the existing system for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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CHAPTER 455

S.P. 211 - L.D. 554

An Act to Encourage Resident-owned Communities and Preserve Affordable Housing Through Tax Deductions

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶AAA is enacted to read:

AAA. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and to the extent otherwise subject to state income tax, an amount equal to any gain recognized on the sale by the taxpayer of an ownership interest greater than 50% in a qualified business if the business provides housing and was transferred to a cooperative affordable housing corporation organized under Title 13, chapter 85, subchapter 1-A or a municipal housing authority, as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 10-A, or an affiliate of a municipal housing authority.

(1) The deduction allowed pursuant to this paragraph may not exceed \$750,000.