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heating or energy system from applicable licensing or other requirements governing such activities.

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CHAPTER 457
S.P. 266 - L.D. 583

**An Act to Support Informed
Community Self-determination
in Emergency Medical Services
Planning**

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.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation for the Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant Program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

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CHAPTER 458
S.P. 306 - L.D. 689

**An Act to Support the
Northern New England Poison
Center**

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.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Appropriates funds to the Northern New England Poison Center to ensure continued access to 24-hour expert medical treatment advice and information on potentially harmful substances.

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

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CHAPTER 459
S.P. 309 - L.D. 692

**An Act to Increase Support for
Statewide Emergency
Broadcast Messaging**

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

Sec. 1. Transfer. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2026 and \$250,000 on or before June 30, 2027 of the funds received pursuant to the Maine v. Google settlement and deposited to the account established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 203-A to be used solely for activities identified in the court decree and approved by the Attorney General. Funds transferred pursuant to this section must be provided to the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation to align state funding more closely with the statutory requirement to provide emergency broadcast messaging for public safety.

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

**PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION,
MAINE**

Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation 0033

Initiative: Provides additional one-time funds to align state funding more closely with the statutory requirement to provide emergency broadcast messaging for public safety.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

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CHAPTER 460
S.P. 315 - L.D. 698

**An Act to Sustain Emergency
Homeless Shelters in Maine**

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

Sec. 1. Transfer of real estate transfer tax revenue. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraphs E-1 and E-3, for fiscal year 2025-26 only, prior to the transfer pursuant to Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraph E-3, the State Controller shall first credit \$2,982,000 of the revenues available to the

Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4853 and \$1,491,000 of the revenue available to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Housing First Fund established in Title 22, section 20-A, subsection 2 to the General Fund.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Housing First Program Z374

Initiative: Deallocates one-time funds for the Housing First Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 only.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$1,491,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$1,491,000)	\$0

**HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$1,491,000)	\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$1,491,000)	\$0
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HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Deallocates one-time funds for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 only.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$2,982,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,982,000)	\$0

Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the operation of emergency homeless shelters in the State to be allocated as part of the operations share of the shelter operating subsidy through the Maine State Housing Authority's emergency shelter and housing assistance program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,473,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,473,000	\$0

**HOUSING AUTHORITY,
MAINE STATE**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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GENERAL FUND	\$4,473,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$2,982,000)	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,491,000	\$0
SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$4,473,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$4,473,000)	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

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CHAPTER 461

H.P. 489 - L.D. 747

**An Act to Provide Funds to
Reduce Student Homelessness**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 201, sub-c. 14, as amended, is further amended to read:

SUBCHAPTER 14

**SUBSIDY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**

§4994-A. Subsidy Rental assistance program for homeless students

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Elementary school" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 10.

B. "Homeless student" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 13-A.

C. "Secondary school" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 32.

2. Program established. The Maine State Housing Authority shall establish a ~~housing subsidy~~ rental assistance program for homeless students in elementary school and secondary school. The authority shall adopt rules to implement this 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.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE