

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

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

See title page for effective date.

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

**Rental Assistance Program for Homeless Students
N501**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for rental assistance for homeless students in elementary school and secondary school.

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

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 462**S.P. 251 - L.D. 753**

**An Act to Authorize the Use of
Funds Resulting from the
Issuance of Securities by the
Maine Governmental Facilities
Authority for the Purpose of
Developing or Improving New
or Existing Court Facilities in
Penobscot County**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-I, as amended by PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. O, §1, is further amended to read:

§1610-I. Additional securities; judicial 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 from time to time in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$95,600,000 outstanding at any one time for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the judicial branch in the counties of Oxford, Waldo, Penobscot and York, acquiring and improving property relating to the judicial branch in Hancock County and 55 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, replacing and upgrading ventilation systems in facilities relating to the judicial branch in Presque Isle, Lewiston, Rockland, Skowhegan and West Bath, acquiring and improving property adjacent to the Capital Judicial Center in Augusta for parking and acquiring and improving property in Skowhegan for future expansion and planning for other court facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 463**S.P. 336 - L.D. 779**

**An Act to Fund the Aroostook
County Drug Treatment Court**

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

Sec. 1. Transfer to Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$561,283 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Sec. 2. Transfer to unappropriated surplus of General Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$179,500 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

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

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF
THE****District Attorneys Salaries 0409**

Initiative: Appropriates one-time funds to establish one limited-period Assistant District Attorney position to facilitate the creation of a drug treatment court in Aroostook County.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$140,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$140,500

**ATTORNEY GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF THE
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$140,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$140,500

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF****Office of Behavioral Health Z199**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation for the Office of Behavioral Health to contract with an entity to provide the required pretrial services for the new drug treatment court in Aroostook County.