

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2025**

**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 |

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**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.

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**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 -<br>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.

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| <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>                                                                                                           | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| All Other                                                                                                                                    | \$0            | \$561,283        |
| <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>                                                                                                     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$561,283</b> |
| <b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>                                                                                              |                |                  |
| <b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>                                                                                                           | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$561,283</b> |
| <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>                                                                                                          | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$561,283</b> |
| <b>PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON</b>                                                                                          |                |                  |
| <b>Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112</b>                                                                                      |                |                  |
| Initiative: Appropriates one-time funds to provide legal representation to participants in the new drug treatment court in Aroostook County. |                |                  |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| All Other                                                                                                                                    | \$0            | \$39,000         |
| <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$39,000</b>  |
| <b>PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON</b>                                                                                          |                |                  |
| <b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$39,000</b>  |
| <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>                                                                                                          | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$39,000</b>  |
| <b>SECTION TOTALS</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b>   |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$179,500</b> |
| <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>                                                                                                           | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$561,283</b> |
| <b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>                                                                                                             | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$740,783</b> |

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**CHAPTER 464****S.P. 347 - L.D. 787**

**An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. FF, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose. To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must have resided ~~reside~~ in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian ~~for at least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school~~ at the start of the academic year for which state funding is appropriated. The student's residency must be reaffirmed to the school at the beginning of each school year that the student is enrolled.

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**CHAPTER 465****H.P. 507 - L.D. 800**

**An Act to Fund the Provision of Advocacy Services to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**

**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.

**DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER****Disability Rights Maine 0523**

Initiative: Appropriates ongoing funding to provide advocacy services to persons with intellectual disabilities.

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|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       | <b>2025-26</b>  | <b>2026-27</b>  |
| All Other                 | \$50,000        | \$50,000        |
| <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$50,000</b> | <b>\$50,000</b> |

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**CHAPTER 466****H.P. 522 - L.D. 815**

**An Act to Provide Funding for Respite Care and Supplemental Services Provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program**

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