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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAPTER 533
H.P. 544 - L.D. 858

**An Act to Ensure Behavioral
and Mental Health Services
Are Available to Students by
Providing Grants to Schools
That Contract for Those
Services**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 223, sub-c. 10, head-note is amended to read:

SUBCHAPTER 10

**~~YOUTH BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL
HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING~~**

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6672 is enacted to read:

§6672. Behavioral and mental health grant program

1. Grant program. The department shall establish and administer a grant program to provide grants to school administrative units that contract for behavioral and mental health services provided by licensed behavioral and mental health service providers.

2. Limitation on use of funds. Funds provided under the grant program under this section may be used only for behavioral and mental health services that are not otherwise covered or reimbursable through the MaineCare program. Funds must be used in a manner that ensures that contracted behavioral and mental health service providers do not supplant qualified and available school administrative unit behavioral and mental health staff.

3. Grant program funding based on population. In administering the grant program under this section, the department shall provide grant funds according to the population of a school administrative unit as follows:

- A. Two hundred fifty or fewer students, \$3,000;
- B. Two hundred fifty-one students to 500 students, \$6,000; and
- C. More than 500 students, \$9,000.

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

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Provides one-time funds in fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 only for grants to school administrative units for contracted behavioral and mental health services for students. The grants are based on the population of each school administrative unit.

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

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 534
H.P. 556 - L.D. 870

**An Act Regarding the
Membership of the Maine
Land Use Planning
Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §683-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 256, §3, is further amended to read:

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-D, subsection 1-A to carry out the purposes stated in section 681, is created within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and in this chapter called "the commission." The commission is charged with implementing this chapter. The commission consists of ~~9~~ 11 members, appointed in accordance with subsections ~~1-A~~ and 2. All appointments under this section are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters and to confirmation by the Senate.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §683-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 256, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §683-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Appointments by Governor. Except as provided in subsection 2, the Governor shall appoint 2 members to the commission as follows:

A. One appointee who resides or works in the commission's jurisdiction, is a former resident of the commission's jurisdiction or has significant professional experience working within the commission's jurisdiction and who has expertise in one or more of the areas of forestry, land use planning, conservation, fisheries, wildlife, outdoor recreation and natural resources-related businesses that operate in the commission's jurisdiction; and

B. One appointee who is a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State based on the joint recommendation of the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes and bands in the State.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §683-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 256, §3, is further amended to read: