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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2026

Sec. C-16. 34-B MRSA §3613, as repealed and replaced by PL 2025, c. 388, Pt. YY, §1 and repealed by c. 390, Pt. A, §55, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3613. Crisis receiving centers

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "crisis receiving center" means a center that provides immediate and short-term walk-in access to an array of both clinical and nonclinical mental health and substance use disorder crisis stabilization services to all individuals seeking care regardless of acuity or insurance coverage and within bounds of licensing.

2. Department to develop plan and serve as coordinator. The department shall develop a plan for a network of community-based crisis receiving centers across the State to support both clinical and nonclinical mental health and substance use disorder crisis stabilization services. The department shall also coordinate meetings, technical assistance and training and provide other assistance to help create, maintain and, as necessary, expand the network.

3. Guidelines. In carrying out its duties under subsection 2, the department shall:

A. Consult with law enforcement agencies, municipalities, public health experts, behavioral health care providers, other states and others as appropriate;

B. Assess geographical locations for maximization of community impact;

C. Provide technical assistance to persons and entities across the State and providers interested in joining the network;

D. Coordinate regular meetings with crisis receiving centers and provide technical assistance to crisis receiving centers; and

E. Engage in continual process improvement and planning updates.

Sec. C-17. 34-B MRSA §3614, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 675, §9 and reallocated by PL 2025, c. 390, Pt. A, §56, is repealed.

Sec. C-18. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§40, as amended by PL 1989, c. 869, Pt. A, §5 and affected by §21, is further amended to read:

40. Waste facility. "Waste facility" means any land area, structure, location, equipment or combination of them, including dumps, used for handling hazardous, biomedical or solid waste, waste oil, sludge or septage. A land area or structure does not become a waste facility solely because:

A. It is used by its owner for disposing of septage from the owner's residence;

B. It is used to store for 90 days or less hazardous wastes generated on the same premises;

C. It is used by individual homeowners or lessees to open burn leaves, brush, deadwood and tree cuttings accrued from normal maintenance of their residential property, when such burning is permitted under Title 12, section 599 9325, subsection 3 1, paragraph F; or

~~D. It is used by its residential owner to burn highly combustible domestic, household trash such as paper, cardboard cartons or wood boxes, when such burning is permitted under section 599, subsection 3.~~

E. It is used by its residential owner to engage in out-of-door burning of wood wastes as defined in Title 12, section 9324, subsection 7-A and painted or unpainted wood from construction and demolition debris under Title 12, section 9325, subsection 1, paragraph E.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective April 13, 2026, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 656

H.P. 1499 - L.D. 2222

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2026-27

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature de-

termines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2026-27 is as follows:

Fiscal Administration - Office of the State Auditor	\$294,273
Education	\$16,828,325
Forest Fire Protection	\$120,000
Human Services - General Assistance	\$50,000
Property Tax Assessment	\$1,451,811
Maine Land Use Planning Commission	\$872,039
TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$19,616,448
County Reimbursements for Services	
Aroostook	\$2,878,848
Franklin	\$2,577,768
Hancock	\$219,007
Kennebec	\$37,375
Lincoln	\$65,082
Oxford	\$2,529,750
Penobscot	\$1,978,614
Piscataquis	\$2,112,825
Somerset	\$2,933,989
Washington	\$1,589,670
TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$16,922,928
Unorganized Territories of Washington County Tax Anticipation Note Repayment	\$640,671
COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRIBUTIONS FROM FUND	
Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$4,208,306
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$41,388,353
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$41,388,353
Less Revenue Deductions:	
General Revenue	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$600,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$350,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,000
Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,517,668
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$3,477,668
Education Revenue	
Land Reserved Trust Interest	\$110,000
Tuition and School Transportation Charges	\$150,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	\$341,561
Funding from State	

TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE	\$601,561
DEDUCTIONS	

TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$4,079,229
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TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES	\$37,309,124
AND OVERLAY (Title 36, §1602)	

Sec. 2. Transfer of interest earnings; Office of State Auditor, Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$640,671 from the interest earnings on the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Office of the State Auditor, Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for a one-time prepayment for reimbursement of services in the unorganized territories of Washington County. The prepayment must be recovered through the municipal cost component of the unorganized territories of Washington County on or before June 30, 2027. Funding recovered for this purpose must be credited to the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 13, 2026.

CHAPTER 657

S.P. 907 - L.D. 2224

An Act to Reduce Certain Costs Associated with Residential Construction

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2025, c. 597, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to read:

2. Membership. The board consists of ~~12~~ 13 members, including the Director of the Efficiency Maine Trust, who serves ex officio and may not vote, and the following ~~11~~ 12 individuals, who are voting members appointed by the Governor:

A. The State Fire Marshal or a designee or a fire chief, recommended by the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association or its successor organization;

B. A municipal code enforcement officer employed by a municipality that is not a service center community under Title 30-A, chapter 187, recommended by the Maine Municipal Association or its successor organization;