

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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

Augusta, Maine
2026

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, of the total penalties paid by all persons found to have violated this article in any fiscal year, the commissioner shall ensure that \$100,000 of that amount, or the total amount of penalties paid in the fiscal year if that amount is less than \$100,000, is deposited in the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund established in section 450.

Sec. 3. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Environmental Protection, Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund. On or before September 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection, Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide financial assistance to municipalities that have incurred or expect to incur legal costs in pursuing shoreland zoning violations in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 450.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Land Resources Z188

Initiative: Provides funding for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS -	0.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL		
Personal Services	\$0	\$79,114
All Other	\$0	\$22,767

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$101,881
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Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund N528

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to allow for the provision of financial assistance to municipalities that have incurred or expect to incur legal costs in pursuing shoreland zoning violations in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 450.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$100,000
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**ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$101,881
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$100,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL -	\$0	\$201,881
ALL FUNDS		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 716

S.P. 810 - L.D. 1997

**An Act to Authorize Issuance
of Securities to Modernize and
Consolidate Certain Court
Facilities**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-Q, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 684, §1, is amended to read:

§1610-Q. Additional securities; judicial branch facilities in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot, Sagadahoc and Somerset counties

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 \$205,000,000 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 Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot, Sagadahoc and Somerset and planning for other court facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 717

H.P. 1347 - L.D. 2017

**An Act to Update Certain
Statutes Governing School
Nutrition**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6601-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §44, is amended to read:

§6601-A. Free or reduced-price school meals; Internet-based school meal applications

The department ~~shall~~ may contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National