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Augusta, Maine
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B. The age of an individual who appears to be depicted in the image; and

C. That an individual depicted or who appears to be depicted in the image is an identifiable child.

4. Any child sexual abuse material that depicts a person who has not attained 16 years of age engaging in sexually explicit conduct is declared to be contraband and may be seized by the State.

5. For purposes of this section, any element of age of ~~the person depicted~~ a minor or identifiable child means the age of the ~~person~~ minor or identifiable child at the time of the sexually explicit conduct ~~occurred in the child sexual abuse material~~, not the age of the ~~person depicted~~ minor or identifiable child at the time of the transporting, exhibiting, purchasing, possession or accessing of the ~~sexually explicit visual image or child sexual abuse material~~.

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

Effective April 16, 2026.

CHAPTER 720

H.P. 1492 - L.D. 2213

An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; 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:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding across programs for the approved reorganization of 8 Public Safety Mechanic positions to 8 Auto Mechanic III positions.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$10,887
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$10,887

State Police 0291

Initiative: Establishes 4 State Police Detective positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$268,408
All Other	\$0	\$22,554
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$290,962

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 5 Senior Laboratory Scientist positions from range 29 to range 31 and related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$20,976
All Other	\$0	\$407
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$21,383

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in rent for the northern field troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$35,000
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$35,000

State Police 0291

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Lieutenant position and provides funding for related All Other costs for additional staffing related to the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act. This initiative also provides funding for one Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid vehicle for this position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$14,808	\$63,677
All Other	\$1,158	\$20,011
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$16,800
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$15,966	\$100,488

State Police 0291

Initiative: Establishes one Forensic Chemist II position and one DNA Forensic Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs, a mobile office unit and a contracted trainer for the tracking system.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$21,680	\$93,514
All Other	\$10,823	\$50,287
Capital Expenditures	\$14,000	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$46,503	\$143,801

State Police 0291

Initiative: Transfers one State Police Lieutenant position from the Traffic Safety program, 100% Highway Fund to the State Police program, 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$71,008
All Other	\$0	\$4,192
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,200

State Police - Support 0981

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position effective November 17, 2025.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$6,029
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,029

Traffic Safety 0546

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one State Police Pilot position to a State Police Lieutenant position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$15,737
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,737

Traffic Safety 0546

Initiative: Transfers one State Police Lieutenant position from the Traffic Safety program, 100% Highway Fund to the State Police program, 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS -	0.000	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	(\$187,145)
All Other	\$0	(\$4,192)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$191,337)

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: Provides funding across programs for the approved reorganization of 8 Public Safety Mechanic positions to 8 Auto Mechanic III positions.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$13,975
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$13,975

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$62,469	\$522,125
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$62,469	\$522,125

Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 26 to range 28.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$7,222
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,222

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Customer Representative Associate II positions to Office Specialist I positions.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$21,440
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$21,440

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Accounting Associate I positions to Office Associate II positions.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$16,241
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$16,241

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Associate II Supervisor position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$5,392
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,392

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Technical Support Specialist position to a Systems Section Manager position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$11,942
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$11,942

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Program Audit Manager position from range 27 to range 28.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$4,333
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$4,333

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 8 Office Associate I positions to Office Associate II positions.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$44,073
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$44,073

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Accounting Associate I position to a Business Manager I position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$13,580
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$13,580

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate I position to a Management Analyst II position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$14,441
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$14,441

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Clerk IV position to an Office Specialist II Supervisor position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$7,810
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,810

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Manager II position.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
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Personal Services	\$0	\$10,680
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$10,680

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$157,154
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$157,154

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

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration 0339

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of 5 Public Service Coordinator I positions from 96% Highway Fund and 4% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Maintenance and Operations program to 100% Administration program, Highway Fund. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services in the Administration program, Highway Fund to partially fund the transfer and reallocation.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$582,482
All Other	\$0	(\$23,300)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$559,182

Administration 0339

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager I position from 100% Administration program, Highway Fund to 96% Highway Fund and 4% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Maintenance and Operations program. This initiative also provides All Other funding in the Maintenance and Operations program to maintain the department's Highway Fund allocation.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$155,495)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$155,495)

Fleet Services 0347

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Office Associate II position from 100% Fleet Services program, Fleet Services Fund - DOT to 96% Highway Fund and 4% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Maintenance and Operations program. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services in the Maintenance and Operations program, Highway Fund to fund that portion of the transfer and reallocation.

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$84,497)
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$0	(\$84,497)

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides the allocation to spend GARVEE bond proceeds for highway and bridge needs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$50,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000,000

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides position count for one Engineering Aide position by increasing the Legislative Count from 0.5 to 1.0.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.500
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides funding in the Highway and Bridge Capital program and Maintenance and Operations program for the approved reorganization of 90 Senior Technician positions to Lead Technician positions. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the portion of the reorganization allocated to the Highway Fund.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$434,519
All Other	\$0	(\$434,519)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$391,018
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$391,018

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$43,468
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$43,468

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to range 33 and transfers All Other to Personal

Services to fund the portion of the reorganization allocated to the Highway Fund.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$9,042
All Other	\$0	(\$9,042)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$8,139
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,139

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$903
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$903

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of 5 Public Service Coordinator I positions from 96% Highway Fund and 4% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Maintenance and Operations program to 100% Administration program, Highway Fund. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services in the Administration program, Highway Fund to partially fund the transfer and reallocation.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(5.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$559,182)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$559,182)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	(\$23,300)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$23,300)

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager I position from 100% Administration program, Highway Fund to 96% Highway Fund and 4% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Maintenance and Operations program. This initiative also provides All Other funding in the Maintenance and Operations program to maintain the department's Highway Fund allocation.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$149,276
All Other	\$0	\$6,219
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$155,495

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$6,219
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,219

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Office Associate II position from 100% Fleet Services program, Fleet Services Fund - DOT to 96% Highway Fund and 4% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Maintenance and Operations program. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services in the Maintenance and Operations program, Highway Fund to fund that portion of the transfer and reallocation.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$81,117
All Other	\$0	(\$81,117)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$3,380
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,380

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Provides funding in the Industrial Drive Facility Fund for increased costs of maintaining and operating the facilities on Industrial Drive in Augusta.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Provides funding in the Highway and Bridge Capital program and Maintenance and Operations program for the approved reorganization of 90 Senior Technician positions to Lead Technician positions. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the portion of the reorganization allocated to the Highway Fund.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$175,744
All Other	\$0	(\$175,744)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$7,323

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,323
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Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$743,753	\$1,365,912
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$743,753	\$1,365,912

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$392,779
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$743,753	\$51,410,283
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	\$0	(\$84,497)
INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND	\$0	\$250,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$743,753	\$51,968,565

PART B

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$9,644	\$440,642
All Other	(\$9,644)	(\$440,642)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$8,678	\$396,558
All Other	(\$6,632)	(\$353,453)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,046	\$43,105

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$963	\$44,021
All Other	(\$735)	(\$39,236)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$228	\$4,785

Maintenance and Operations 0330**Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS**

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$68,013
All Other	\$0	(\$68,013)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$2,500
All Other	\$0	(\$2,500)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,046	\$43,105
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$228	\$4,785
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,274	\$47,890

PART C

Sec. C-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward up to \$2,500,000 in unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, after all financial commitments for obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made, at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program to be used to continue the modernization of Bureau of Motor Vehicles systems and services provided to the public. These funds do not lapse and are intended to carry until expended.

PART D

Sec. D-1. 23 MRSA §1652, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 392, Pt. L, §2, is further amended to read:

Any balance of any allocation or subdivision of an allocation from the Highway Fund made by the Legislature for any department or agency, ~~which that~~ at any time ~~may~~ is not be required for the purposes named in that allocation or subdivision; may be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books, to any other allocation or subdivision of an allocation from the Highway Fund made by the Legislature for the same fiscal year subject to review by the joint standing committee of the

Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters. In addition to transfers of Highway Fund allocations and subdivisions of allocations from the Highway Fund, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall review all other allocations or subdivisions of allocations to the Department of Transportation. Financial orders describing these transfers must be submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget to the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the transfer is to be implemented. In the case of extraordinary emergency transfers, the 30-day prior submission requirement may be waived by vote of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

PART E

Sec. E-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$339,948 of available balances of Personal Services allocations, after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the All Other line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding consoles at 3 regional emergency communication centers and a contract for firearms examiner services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

Sec. E-2. Transfer of Personal Services balances to Capital Expenditures; Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2026-27, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to transfer up to \$16,450 of available balances of Personal Services allocations, after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the Capital Expenditures line category of the State Police program for the purposes of funding a heat pump and generator for the Pittsfield barracks and updating the security system at the Bangor barracks. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

PART F

Sec. F-1. Programmed GARVEE bonding level for 2026-2027 biennium. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 19, subchapter 3-A, for the 2026-2027 biennium, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank may issue from time to time up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs statewide to be repaid solely from annual

federal transportation appropriations for funding for qualified transportation projects.

PART G

Sec. G-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF State Police 0291

Initiative: Reverses a Part A initiative that transfers one State Police Lieutenant position from the Traffic Safety program, 100% Highway Fund to the State Police program, 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	(\$71,008)
All Other	\$0	(\$4,192)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$75,200)

Traffic Safety 0546

Initiative: Reverses a Part A initiative that transfers one State Police Lieutenant position from the Traffic Safety program, 100% Highway Fund to the State Police program, 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS -	0.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL		
Personal Services	\$0	\$187,145
All Other	\$0	\$4,192
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$191,337

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$116,137
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$116,137

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

Effective April 16, 2026.

CHAPTER 721 H.P. 1507 - L.D. 2232

An Act to Increase County Jail Funding

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

Whereas, state funding for county jail operations has remained stagnant while the costs to operate county jails have rapidly increased, creating an undue burden on property tax payers; and

Whereas, it is necessary that this Act take effect prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year; 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. Credit of funds for county jails for jail operations costs. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1532, in fiscal year 2025-26, prior to the credit of any investment earnings on the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund, the State Controller shall first credit \$4,000,000 of investment earnings to the County Jail Operations Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Corrections for distributions to counties for jail operations costs.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

County Jail Operations Fund Z227

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to the County Jail Operations Fund for distribution to counties for jail operations costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,000,000	\$0

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

Effective April 16, 2026.

CHAPTER 722 H.P. 1140 - L.D. 1705

An Act Regarding Adult Education Funding and Oversight

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8606-A, sub-§8 is enacted to read: