

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2026

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position and 2 Public Service Coordinator I positions in the Office of the Child Advocate, beginning October 1, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS -	0.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$324,220
All Other	\$0	\$16,326
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$340,546

Office of the Child Advocate N580

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for office needs, staffing needs, contracting services and training during the transition into the Office of the Child Advocate.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$100,000

Office of the Child Advocate N580

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position and one Office Associate II position, beginning April 1, 2027.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS -	0.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$55,204
All Other	\$0	\$3,628
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$58,832

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$499,378
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$499,378

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Ombudsman Program 0103

Initiative: Deappropriates and deallocates funding from the contract for the child welfare ombudsman program to be transferred over to the new Office of the Child Advocate, effective October 1, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	(\$241,539)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$241,539)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	(\$37,150)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$37,150)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$241,539)
FEDERAL	\$0	(\$37,150)
EXPENDITURES FUND		
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$278,689)

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Legislature 0081

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the costs of Legislators participating on the Advisory Committee to the Child Advocate.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$330
All Other	\$0	\$720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,050

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DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,050
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,050

SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$258,889
FEDERAL	\$0	(\$37,150)
EXPENDITURES FUND		

SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
	\$0	\$221,739

Sec. 13. Effective date. This Act takes effect October 1, 2026.

Effective October 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 725

S.P. 819 - L.D. 2003

An Act to Improve Localization of Emergency Broadcast Messaging

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

Sec. 1. Transfer of settlement funds. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$600,000 from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney

General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2027.

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

PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, MAINE

Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation 0033

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for broadcast infrastructure equipment to enable localization of public safety information and emergency alert messaging on the statewide radio network operated by the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$600,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 726

S.P. 827 - L.D. 2008

**An Act to Provide Funding to
the Maine School of Science
and Mathematics**

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.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for infrastructure upgrades to the school's dormitory.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$300,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 727

H.P. 1378 - L.D. 2054

**An Act to Clarify the Laws
Regarding Moose Hunting
Permits for Hunting Outfitters**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 184, §3, is amended to read:

2. Issuance of moose hunting permits. In accordance with section 11552, the commissioner may issue moose hunting permits and may establish the number of moose hunting permits to be issued for each wildlife management district established by the commissioner by rule open to moose hunting. No more than 8% of the moose hunting permits may be issued to non-residents. No more than 2% of the moose hunting permits may be issued to hunting outfitters in accordance with subsection 14 14-A.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§14, as amended by PL 2017, c. 458, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§14-A is enacted to read:

14-A. Moose hunting lodge permits. A moose hunting permit issued to a hunting outfitter, referred to in this section as a "moose hunting lodge permit," must be allocated through a chance drawing separate from the public chance drawing under subsection 9. The fee for a moose hunting lodge permit is \$1,500.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, "hunting outfitter" means a person that operates a sporting camp, as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 11, that is licensed under Title 22, chapter 562 and:

(1) Offers a package deal that includes food, lodging and the services of a hunting guide licensed under chapter 927 for the purpose of hunting;

(2) Offers the services of a hunting guide licensed under chapter 927 for at least 3 months per year; and

(3) Has provided guided moose hunts in the State out of the sporting camp for at least 3 of the last 5 calendar years.

B. The department shall develop an affidavit that a hunting outfitter that applies for a moose hunting lodge permit must sign and attest that the hunting outfitter meets the requirements of this section.

C. A hunting outfitter that applies for a moose hunting lodge permit and identifies the wildlife management district in which the applicant's licensed sporting camp is located as the hunting outfitter's first choice on the application will be given preference for a permit in that wildlife management district in the moose hunting lodge permit chance drawing.

D. A hunting outfitter that receives a moose hunting lodge permit through the chance drawing described in this subsection may sell or transfer that permit only once, only to a hunter who is eligible