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In Senate, March 25, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Implement Meaningful Legislative Oversight of State
Finances.**



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

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3 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §522, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 702, Pt. S, is
4 amended to read:

6 **§522. Purpose and powers**

8 The joint standing committee of the Legislature having
9 jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs shall
10 oversee the transfer of funds in accordance with Title 5, section
11 1585, block grant changes in accordance with Title 5, section
12 1670 and any other related fiscal matters. The committee has the
13 power to investigate and consider any matter relative to
14 revenues, budgets, appropriations, allocations, expenditures,
15 finances or any other fiscal matter of the State. The committee
16 may meet ~~monthly~~ or while the Legislature is in session and
17 during the interim as often as is deemed ~~determined~~ necessary by
18 the ~~chairmen~~ chairs. Members of the committee shall ~~be paid per~~
19 ~~diem and expenses~~ are entitled to receive the legislative per
20 diem as defined in section 2 for each ~~day~~ days of attendance as
21 ~~authorized by the Legislative Council.~~

22 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1585, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737,
23 Pt. B, §7, is further amended to read:

24 1. **Transfer procedures.** Any balance of any appropriation,
25 allocation or subdivision of an appropriation or allocation made
26 by the Legislature for any state department or agency, which at
27 any time may not be required for the purpose named in such
28 ~~appropriations~~ that appropriation, allocation or subdivision, may
29 be transferred at any time prior to the closing of the books to
30 any other appropriation, allocation or subdivision of an
31 appropriation or allocation made by the Legislature for the use
32 of the same department or agency for the same fiscal year subject
33 to review and prior approval by the joint standing committee of
34 the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and
35 financial affairs. Financial orders describing such those
36 transfers shall must be submitted by the Bureau of the Budget to
37 the Office of Fiscal and Program Review 30 days before the
38 transfer is to be implemented. In case of extraordinary emergency
39 transfers, the 30-day prior submission requirement may be waived
40 by vote of the committee.

41 Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1669, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737,
42 Pt. B, §9, is further amended to read:

43 No state department or agency may make expenditures of any
44 federal funds or expenditures in anticipation of receipt of
45 federal funds for any new or expanded programs, unless such
46 federal funds are approved by the Legislature. The Governor may,
47 subject to review and prior approval by the joint standing
48 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over

