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House of Representatives, February 8, 2000

**An Act to Allocate from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker ROWE of Portland.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BROOKS of Winterport, FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MAYO of Bath, POWERS of Rockport, QUINT of Portland, SAVAGE of Buxton, SAXL of Bangor, SAXL of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, TOWNSEND of Portland, WILLIAMS of Orono, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox.



|    |   |             |
|----|---|-------------|
| 2  | All Other   | \$6,400,000 |
| 4  | Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for grants to community-based and school-based smoking prevention programs.                            |             |
| 8  | <b>Bureau of Health</b>   |             |
| 10 | All Other   | \$140,000   |
| 12 | Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for state-level coordination of enforcement of tobacco control policies.                               |             |
| 18 | <b>Bureau of Health</b>   |             |
| 20 | All Other   | \$560,000   |
| 22 | Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for grants to regional and local law enforcement agencies for enforcement of tobacco control policies. |             |
| 30 | <b>Bureau of Health</b>   |             |
| 32 | All Other   | \$1,600,000 |
| 34 | Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for a statewide multimedia campaign.   |             |
| 38 | <b>Bureau of Health</b>   |             |
| 40 | All Other   | \$500,000   |
| 42 | Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for state-level coordination of smoking cessation services.  |             |
| 46 | <b>Bureau of Health</b>   |             |
| 48 | All Other   | \$500,000   |
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2 Provides funds from the Fund  
3 for a Healthy Maine for the  
4 operation of a statewide  
5 toll-free telephone smoking  
6 cessation support line.

7 **Bureau of Health**

8 All Other \$3,700,000

9 Provides funds from the Fund  
10 for a Healthy Maine for  
11 direct assistance for smoking  
12 cessation services, drugs and  
13 equipment.

14 **Bureau of Health**

15 All Other \$1,500,000

16 Provides funds from the Fund  
17 for a Healthy Maine for  
18 coordinated research and  
19 evaluation of the  
20 effectiveness of all smoking  
21 prevention and cessation  
22 efforts.

23 **Bureau of Health**

|    |                               |                  |
|----|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 24 | Positions - Legislative Count | (10,000)         |
| 25 | Personal Services             | \$433,795        |
| 26 | All Other                     | 45,000           |
| 27 | Total                         | <u>\$478,795</u> |

28 Provides funds from the Fund  
29 for a Healthy Maine for one  
30 Director, Tobacco Prevention  
31 and Cessation Program  
32 position; 3 Comprehensive  
33 Health Planner II positions;  
34 4 Comprehensive Health  
35 Planner I positions; one  
36 Clerk Typist III position;  
37 and one Clerk Typist II  
38 position to effectively  
39 administer all coordination  
40 and grant making pursuant to  
41 this Part.

2 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES  
TOTAL \$17,528,795

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**PART C**

8 **Sec. C-1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this  
10 Part.

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**2000-01**

14 **ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE**

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**Administration - Attorney  
18 General**

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Positions - Legislative Count (1,000)

Personal Services \$37,669

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All Other 2,320

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Provides funds from the Fund  
for a Healthy Maine for one  
26 Research Assistant position  
and related expenses to  
28 enforce escrow payments  
required by nonparticipating  
30 manufacturers.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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**TOTAL** \$39,989

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**PART D**

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**Sec. D-1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
40 Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this  
Part.

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**2000-01**

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**MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION  
46 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

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**Office of Substance Abuse**

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2 All Other \$500,000  
3  
4 Provides one-time funds from  
5 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
6 to provide access to  
7 substance abuse treatment  
8 services for uninsured  
9 children or children whose  
10 insurance does not cover such  
11 services. Balances  
12 appropriated for this purpose  
do not lapse.

**14 Office of Substance Abuse**

16 All Other \$500,000  
17  
18 Provides one-time funds from  
19 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
20 to provide access to  
21 substance abuse treatment  
22 services for uninsured adults  
23 or adults whose insurance  
24 does not cover such  
25 services. Balances  
26 appropriated for this purpose  
do not lapse.

**28 Office of Substance Abuse**

30 All Other \$250,000  
31  
32 Provides one-time funds from  
33 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
34 to support start-up costs for  
35 a substance abuse treatment  
36 facility for youth in  
37 northern Maine.

**40 Office of Substance Abuse**

42 All Other \$250,000  
43  
44 Provides one-time funds from  
45 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
46 to support start-up costs for  
47 a substance abuse treatment  
48 facility for women in  
49 northern Maine.  
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**Bureau of Health**

2 All Other \$5,000,000  
4  
6 Provides funds from the Fund  
for a Healthy Maine to expand  
8 home-visiting services to the  
parents of newborn children.

**10 Bureau of Health**

12 All Other \$1,350,000  
14  
16 Provides one-time funds from  
the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
to support training and  
18 education for persons who  
provide and administer  
20 home-visiting services to the  
parents of newborn children.

**22 Bureau of Health**

24 All Other \$50,000  
26  
28 Provides one-time funds from  
the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
to evaluate the effectiveness  
30 of home-visiting services as  
recommended by the Business  
32 Advisory Commission on  
Quality Child Care Financing  
34 established in Resolve 1999,  
chapter 66.

**36 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
TOTAL**

\$6,400,000

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**PART G**

42 **Sec. G-1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
44 Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this  
Part.

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**2000-01**

**48 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**50 Purchased Social Services**

2 All Other \$50,000  
4 Provides one-time funds from  
6 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
8 to gather and analyze  
10 market-rate data, provider  
12 wage surveys and other  
14 relevant data to evaluate  
16 quality, accessibility and  
affordability of child care  
in Maine as recommended by  
the Business Advisory  
Commission on Quality Child  
Care Financing established in  
Resolve 1999, chapter 66.

**18 Purchased Social Services**

20 All Other \$50,000  
22 Provides one-time funds from  
24 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
26 to perform an assessment of  
28 the need for staff training  
30 and facilities and equipment  
improvement in child care  
programs in Maine in order to  
assist the Bureau of Health  
in implementing this Part.

**32 Purchased Social Services**

34 All Other \$2,350,000  
36 Provides one-time funds from  
38 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
40 to support staff training  
42 according to the needs  
identified by the assessment  
performed pursuant to this  
Part.

**44 Purchased Social Services**

46 All Other \$2,350,000  
48 Provides one-time funds from  
50 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
to support health-related and

2 safety-related facility and  
equipment improvements  
4 according to the needs  
identified by the assessment  
6 performed pursuant to this  
Part.

**8 Purchased Social Services**

10 All Other \$2,350,000

12 Provides one-time funds from  
the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
14 to support  
capacity-building-related  
16 facility and equipment  
improvements according to the  
18 needs identified by the  
assessment performed pursuant  
20 to this Part.

**22 Purchased Social Services**

24 All Other \$200,000

26 Provides one-time funds from  
the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
28 to support collaboration  
grants as recommended by the  
30 Business Advisory Commission  
on Quality Child Care  
32 Financing established in  
Resolve 1999, chapter 66.

**34 Purchased Social Services**

36 All Other \$50,000

38 Provides funds from the Fund  
40 for a Healthy Maine to  
support collaboration grants  
42 as recommended by the  
Business Advisory Commission  
44 on Quality Child Care  
Financing established in  
46 Resolve 1999, chapter 66.

**48 Purchased Social Services**

50 All Other \$50,000

2 Provides one-time funds from  
4 the Fund for a Healthy Maine  
6 to support data collection in  
8 child care services as  
10 recommended by the Business  
Advisory Commission on  
Quality Child Care Financing  
established in Resolve 1999,  
chapter 66.

**12 Purchased Social Services**

14 All Other \$2,771,232

16 Provides funds from the Fund  
18 for a Healthy Maine for  
20 additional infant, toddler  
and preschool child care  
subsidies.

**22 Purchased Social Services**

24 All Other \$1,274,754

26 Provides funds from the Fund  
28 for a Healthy Maine for  
30 additional school-aged child  
care subsidies.

**Purchased Social Services**

32 All Other \$695,068

34 Provides funds from the Fund  
36 for a Healthy Maine for  
38 after-school services to the  
12-to-15-year age group.

**40 Purchased Social Services**

42 All Other \$1,910,256

44 Provides funds from the Fund  
46 for a Healthy Maine to  
48 support incentives for child  
care providers to offer care  
during odd hours, in  
underserved geographic areas,

2 to at-risk children or to  
children with special needs.

4 **Purchased Social Services**

6 All Other \$521,301

8 Provides funds from the Fund  
10 for a Healthy Maine to  
support child care resource  
12 development centers.

14 **Purchased Social Services**

16 All Other \$287,813

18 Provides funds from the Fund  
for a Healthy Maine to  
20 support systemic quality  
improvements such as  
increased wages, training and  
22 facilities improvements.

24 **Head Start**

26 All Other \$1,985,908

28 Provides funds from the Fund  
for a Healthy Maine to  
30 support full-day, year-round  
Head Start programs,  
32 including children up to 5  
years of age.

34 **Community Services Center**

36 Positions - Legislative Count (10,000)  
38 Personal Services \$406,468  
All Other 45,000

40 TOTAL \$451,468

42 Provides funds from the Fund  
44 for a Healthy Maine for one  
Social Services Program  
46 Specialist II position, 4  
Social Services Program  
48 Specialist I positions, one  
Auditor III position, 3  
50 Auditor II positions and one

2 Clerk Typist III position to  
provide additional support to  
4 the Community Services Center.

6 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**TOTAL** \$17,347,800

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10 **PART H**

12 **Sec. H-1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this  
14 Part.

16 **2000-01**

18 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

20 **Quality Child Care Education  
Scholarship Fund**

22 All Other \$150,000

24 Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy  
Maine for scholarships under the Quality  
26 Child Care Education Scholarship Fund  
pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,  
28 Title 20-A, chapter 419-D.

30 **PART I**

32 **Sec. I-1. 22 MRSA §3174-G, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1997, c.  
777, Pt. A, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
34 place:

36 1. Delivery of services. The department shall provide for  
the delivery of federally approved Medicaid services to the  
38 following persons:

40 A. A qualified woman during her pregnancy and up to 60 days  
following delivery when the woman's family income is equal  
42 to or below 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line;

44 B. An infant under one year of age when the infant's family  
income is equal to or below 185% of the nonfarm income  
46 official poverty line;

48 C. A qualified elderly or disabled person when the person's  
family income is equal to or below 100% of the nonfarm  
50 income official poverty line;

2 D. A child one year of age or older and under 19 years of  
4 age when the child's family income is equal to or below 150%  
of the nonfarm income official poverty line; and

6 E. The parent or caretaker relative of a child described in  
8 paragraph B or D when the child's family income is equal to  
or below 150% of the nonfarm income official poverty line,  
10 subject to adjustment by the commissioner under this  
12 paragraph. Medicaid services provided under this paragraph  
must be provided within the limits of the program budget.  
14 Funds appropriated for services under this paragraph must  
include an annual inflationary adjustment equivalent to the  
16 rate of inflation in the Medicaid program. On a quarterly  
basis, the commissioner shall determine the fiscal status of  
18 program expenditures under this paragraph. If the  
commissioner determines that expenditures will exceed the  
20 funds available to provide Medicaid coverage pursuant to  
this paragraph, the commissioner must adjust the income  
22 eligibility limit for new applicants to the extent necessary  
to operate the program within the program budget. If, after  
24 an adjustment has occurred pursuant to this paragraph,  
expenditures fall below the program budget, the commissioner  
26 must raise the income eligibility limit to the extent  
necessary to provide services to as many eligible persons as  
28 possible within the fiscal constraints of the program  
budget, as long as the income limit does not exceed 150% of  
the nonfarm income official poverty line.

30 For the purposes of this subsection, the "nonfarm income official  
32 poverty line" is that applicable to a family of the size  
involved, as defined by the federal Department of Health and  
34 Human Services and updated annually in the Federal Register under  
authority of 42 United States Code, Section 9902(2). For  
36 purposes of this subsection, "program budget" means the amounts  
available from both federal and state sources to provide  
38 federally approved Medicaid services.

40 **Sec. I-2. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§8, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1997, c.  
795, §7, is further amended to read:

42 A. The department shall administer a program of  
44 transitional Medicaid to families receiving benefits under  
Section 1931 of the federal Social Security Act in  
46 accordance with this paragraph.

48 (1) The department shall provide transitional Medicaid  
50 to families whose average gross monthly earnings, less  
costs to the family for child care necessary for  
employment, do not exceed 185% of the federal poverty



2 guidelines in accordance with PRWORA and this  
subsection. In order to receive transitional Medicaid  
4 as the result of increased earnings or number of hours  
worked, a family must have received TANF Medicaid  
6 assistance for at least 3 of the last 6 months, except  
as provided in subparagraph 2 (2).

8 (2) The department shall provide transitional Medicaid  
for families whose eligibility for TANF Medicaid  
10 assistance terminated due to employment obtained  
through work search activities pursuant to this  
12 chapter, in which case the family must have received  
TANF Medicaid assistance for at least one of the last 3  
14 months.

16 (3) To continue to receive transitional Medicaid  
assistance following the first 6 months of coverage, a  
18 family entering the transitional Medicaid program ~~prior~~  
~~to federal approval or waiver under subparagraph 4~~ with  
20 income above 133% of the federal poverty guidelines  
must pay premiums in accordance with rules adopted by  
22 the department. ~~If a family entering the transitional~~  
~~Medicaid program after federal approval or waiver has~~  
24 ~~average gross monthly earnings, less average monthly~~  
~~costs for such child care as is necessary for~~  
26 ~~employment, that are above 100% of the federal poverty~~  
~~guidelines, then that family shall pay, beginning in~~  
28 ~~their 7th month of receiving transitional Medicaid,~~  
~~monthly premiums, copayments or other methods of cost~~  
30 ~~sharing equal to no more than 3% of that family's~~  
~~average gross monthly earnings, less the average~~  
32 ~~monthly costs for such child care as is necessary for~~  
~~employment.~~

34 (4) ~~By October 1, 1997, the department shall have taken~~  
36 ~~reasonable steps to seek a federal waiver, approval of~~  
~~a state plan modification under Section 114 of PRWORA~~  
38 ~~or any other appropriate action to secure federal~~  
~~approval to use federal matching funds to extend~~  
40 ~~transitional Medicaid assistance for 2 years beyond the~~  
~~families' initial 1 year period of eligibility.~~  
42 ~~Beginning on February 1, 1998, or at the time that the~~  
~~department receives the federal approval or waiver,~~  
44 ~~whichever is later, the department shall provide~~  
~~extended benefits under this subparagraph to families~~  
46 ~~that qualify under subparagraph (1) or (2) and that~~  
~~meet the requirements of the transitional Medicaid~~  
48 ~~program.~~

2 (5) The department shall provide transitional Medicaid  
4 for 4 months to families whose eligibility for TANF  
4 Medicaid assistance terminated due to an increase in  
the amount of child support received by the family.

6 (6) The department shall require reporting of income  
8 or circumstances for the purpose of determining  
eligibility and premium payments, copayments or other  
10 methods of cost sharing for benefits under this  
paragraph in accordance with rules adopted by the  
12 department.

14 (7) The scope of services provided under this  
16 paragraph must be the same as the scope of services  
provided when a family received TANF assistance.

18 **Sec. I-3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this  
20 Part.

2000-01

22 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Bureau of Medical Services**

|    |                               |          |
|----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 26 | Positions - Legislative Count | (1,000)  |
| 28 | Personal Services             | \$21,544 |
|    | All Other                     | 2,250    |
| 30 |                               | <hr/>    |
|    | TOTAL                         | \$23,794 |

32 Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy  
34 Maine for the state share of a Management  
Analyst II position and related operating  
36 costs to aid in managing Medicaid coverage.

38 **Medical Care - Payments  
to Providers**

|    |           |             |
|----|-----------|-------------|
| 40 | All Other | \$3,645,925 |
|----|-----------|-------------|

42 Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy  
44 Maine for the State's share of the cost of  
expanding Medicaid coverage and for  
46 modifying transitional Medicaid assistance.

48 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
TOTAL**

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\$3,669,719



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**HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments  
to Providers**

All Other \$362,000

Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy  
Maine for the costs to provide access to Cub  
Care for infants under one year of age.

**Medical Care - Payments  
to Providers**

All Other \$596,000

Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy  
Maine for the costs to provide access to Cub  
Care for pregnant women.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES  
TOTAL**

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\$958,000

**PART K**

Sec. K-1. 22 MRSA c. 408-A is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 408-A**

**SCHOOL NURSE CONSULTANT**

**§1971. School nurse consultant position**

1. Establishment. The position of school nurse consultant is established jointly within the department and the Department of Education. The Director of the Bureau of Health within the department and the Director of Special Projects and External Affairs within the Department of Education shall jointly supervise the school nurse consultant.

2. Qualifications. The school nurse consultant must be licensed as a registered professional nurse in the State and have a master's degree in nursing or a related field and experience in school health care or community nursing.

2 **§1972. Duties**

4 The school nurse consultant shall provide statewide nursing  
6 leadership, consultation and direction for coordinated school  
8 health care programs. The school nurse consultant shall:

10 1. Liaison. Serve as a liaison and resource expert in  
12 school nursing and school health care program areas for local,  
14 regional, state and national school health care provider and  
16 policy-setting groups;

18 2. Information. Monitor, interpret, synthesize and  
20 disseminate relevant information related to school health care  
22 trends, school nursing practice, health-related policy changes,  
24 legal issues in school nursing and school health care program  
26 implementation and professional development;

28 3. Staff development. Foster and promote staff development  
30 for school nurses by planning and providing orientation,  
32 educational offerings and networking with universities and other  
34 providers of continuing education to meet identified needs; and

36 4. Standards. Gather and analyze data relevant to the  
38 school health care program and monitor standards to promote  
40 school nursing excellence and optimal health of school children.

42 **Sec. K-2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
44 Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this  
46 Part.

2000-01

32 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

34 **Learning Systems**

|    |                               |          |
|----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 36 | Positions - Legislative Count | (1,000)  |
| 38 | Personal Services             | \$46,468 |
|    | All Other                     | 7,500    |
| 40 | Capital Expenditures          | 3,500    |

42 Provides funds from the Fund for a Healthy  
44 Maine for the salary, benefits, operating  
46 and start-up costs of an Education  
Specialist III position to function as a  
school nurse consultant.

48 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
50 **TOTAL**

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\$57,468

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**PART L**

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**Sec. L-1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

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**Biennial Reserve Account**

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All Other \$27,040,000

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Provides for the allocation of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to be used in future biennia. These funds do not lapse but must be carried forward until reallocated by a subsequent Legislature.

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**PART M**

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**Sec. M-1. PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. V, §4** is amended to read:

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**Sec. V-4. Working capital advance.** The State Controller is authorized to advance to the Bureau of Health Other Special Revenue Fund Account in the Department of Human Services \$3,500,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus on July 1, 1999 to be allotted by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor for the purpose of continuing the tobacco prevention and control initiative, which must be returned to the General Fund from the Fund for a Healthy Maine no later than ~~June-30,-2000~~ May 1, 2000.

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

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill makes allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the fund that receives the proceeds of the settlement of Maine's lawsuit against certain tobacco manufacturers, State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al.

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Part A repeals certain allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine that are changed by this bill.

2           Part B provides funding for the design, planning,  
3 implementation and coordination of statewide community-based  
4 smoking prevention, cessation and control programs, enforcement  
5 and grants. A new program in the Department of Human Services,  
6 Bureau of Health is established to administer and coordinate  
7 these programs and grants.

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9           Part C establishes a position in the Department of the  
10 Attorney General to enforce escrow payments required from  
11 cigarette manufacturers who did not participate in the settlement.

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13           Part D provides funding to the Office of Substance Abuse  
14 within the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and  
15 Substance Abuse Services for the provision of substance abuse  
16 services to uninsured or underinsured children and adults;  
17 start-up costs for a treatment facility for youth and a treatment  
18 facility for women in northern Maine; start-up costs for the  
19 provision of substance abuse services in underserved geographic  
20 areas and to underserved populations; support of direct care  
21 workers as recommended by the Task Force on Substance Abuse; and  
22 the provision of substance abuse services to adults under the  
23 direction of Maine courts.

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25           Part E increases the amount currently required by law to be  
26 allocated to the elderly low-cost drug program, as expanded by  
27 Public Law 1999, chapter 401, from not less than \$5,000,000 to  
28 not less than \$10,000,000.

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30           Under current law, the Department of Human Services is  
31 required to seek a federal waiver to authorize the department to  
32 provide Medicaid prescription drug benefits to qualified persons  
33 who are 62 years of age or older or who are 19 years of age or  
34 older and determined by the department to be disabled under the  
35 standards of the federal social security program and who have  
36 household income up to and including 185% of the nonfarm income  
37 official poverty line. Pending the receipt of the federal  
38 waiver, Part E also requires the funds allocated for the State's  
39 share to be allocated on a quarterly basis, beginning July 1,  
40 2000, to expand the categories of illnesses covered under the  
41 elderly low-cost drug program.

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43           Part F provides funds to expand home-visiting services to  
44 the parents of newborn children and the support and training of  
45 persons who perform those visits. This Part also requires an  
46 evaluation of the effectiveness of home visits to be done and  
47 provides funding for that purpose as recommended by the Business  
48 Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing, established  
49 in Resolve 1999, chapter 66.

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2 Part G provides funding to the Department of Human Services  
to perform an assessment of the quality, accessibility and  
4 affordability of child care in Maine and the need for staff  
training and facilities and equipment improvement for child care  
6 programs and allocates funds to carry out the recommendations of  
the assessments.

8 Part G also provides funding to expand Head Start to allow  
for full-day, year-round coverage for children up to 5 years of  
10 age. Funds are also provided to offer child care providers  
incentives to offer care during odd hours, in underserved  
12 geographic areas, to at-risk children or to children with special  
needs. Ten positions are created and funded in the Community  
14 Services Center to provide additional support.

16 Part G also provides funds for additional child care  
subsidies for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-aged  
18 children and provides funds to provide after-school services to  
children 12-to-15 years of age.

20 Part H provides funding for Quality Child Care Education  
Scholarship Fund scholarships, which are scholarships based on  
22 financial need for residents of the State who are enrolled in one  
or more courses related to early childhood education or child  
24 development at accredited institutions of higher education.

26 Part I requires the Department of Human Services to provide  
28 Medicaid services, within budgetary limits, to the parent or  
caretaker of a child up to 19 years of age when the child's  
30 family income is below 150% of the nonfarm income official  
poverty line; funding for the State's share of the cost of this  
32 expansion is provided. If the Commissioner of Human Services  
determines that there are not adequate funds, then the  
34 commissioner is required to adjust the income eligibility limits.

36 Part I also changes the eligibility requirements of  
transitional Medicaid to require past participation in Medicaid  
38 instead of in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
program. Funding for the State's share of an additional position  
40 to aid in managing Medicaid coverage in the Bureau of Medical  
Services within the Department of Human Services and the cost of  
42 modifying transitional Medicaid assistance is provided.

44 Part J expands access to Cub Care to pregnant women and  
infants under one year of age and provides funding for those  
46 purposes.

48 Part K establishes and funds the position of school nurse  
consultant within the Department of Human Services and the  
50 Department of Education. The school nurse consultant's duties



2 include acting as a liaison to school health care provider and  
policy-setting groups; providing health care, nursing, policy and  
4 legal information regarding school nursing, school health care  
programs and professional development; promoting staff  
6 development and promoting nursing excellence and optimal health  
of school children.

8 Part L allocates funds to a biennial reserve account in the  
Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be used in  
10 future biennia as allocated by subsequent Legislatures.

12 Part M requires the working capital advance of \$3,500,000  
authorized in Public Law 1999, chapter 401 to be repaid by May 1,  
14 2000.