

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2020

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Legislative Document

No. 2163

H.P. 1547

House of Representatives, March 17, 2020

### An Act To Address Funding Needs Related to COVID-19

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.

Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and

Representative: DILLINGHAM of Oxford, Senator: TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

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

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

7 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
8 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
9 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
10 therefore,

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

12 **Sec. 1. Transfer; Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a**  
13 **COVID-19 response fund.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the State  
14 Controller may transfer up to \$11,000,000 from the balance available in the Reserve for  
15 General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund established by the State  
16 Controller to address funding needs related to the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-  
17 19, through January 15, 2021. Amounts transferred may be expended based on allotment  
18 established by financial order approved by the State Budget Officer and the Governor.  
19 The amounts transferred are considered adjustments to appropriations. The Governor  
20 shall inform the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
21 having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs immediately upon such a  
22 transfer from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital. Any remaining balance in  
23 the COVID-19 response fund on January 16, 2021 must be transferred by the State  
24 Controller to the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital.

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

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill authorizes transfers from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to  
29 a COVID-19 response fund in order to address funding needs associated with COVID-19  
30 through January 15, 2021.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 **(See attached)**



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LR 3298(01)

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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill**  
**Sponsor: Spkr. Gideon of Freeport**  
**Committee: Not Referred**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill authorizes transfers of up to \$11,000,000 through January 15, 2021 from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the COVID-19 Response Fund to be established by the State Controller in order to fund needs associated with COVID-19.