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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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appointed by the Speaker of the House; and one member shall be appointed by a majority of the preceding 4 commissioners, and shall serve as chairman of the commission. The 5 members shall be residents of the State, appointed from the public. No one may be appointed who is a Legislator at the time of his appointment.

All members shall be appointed for a term to coincide with the legislative biennium. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments, for the balance of the unexpired term.

The members of the commission shall be paid a per diem, expenses and allowances at the same rate as Legislators.

2. Duties of commission. Not later than January 15th of every even-numbered year, the commission shall submit to the Legislature a report of the commission. The report shall contain: A description of the commission's activities; the recommendations of the commission; the reasons for its recommendations; drafts of any legislation required to implement its recommendations; and any other material that commission members may wish to submit.

Prior to reporting as required in this subsection, and subsequent to giving public notice, the commission shall hold a public hearing on the report. Subsequent to reporting, the commission shall meet, if requested, with the Governor, the Legislative Council and legislative committees to discuss the report.

The report shall contain recommendations: For all regular and special sessions of the next Legislature; for all compensation of Legislators and representatives of Indian tribes, including, but not limited to, all payments for salaries; for meals, housing, travel, mileage and all other expenses and allowances; for additional services as President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and as a member of leadership; and for constituent services. The report shall also contain recommendations for compensation for the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the State Auditor. The report may contain other recommendations.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT		
State Compensation Commission		
All Other	\$1,500	\$300

Effective September 18, 1981

**AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to Support Regional Ride Share Programs.**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 216 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 216**

**REGIONAL RIDE SHARE SERVICES MATCHING FUND PROGRAM**

§ 1461. Title

This chapter shall be known as the "Regional Ride Share Services Matching Fund Program."

§ 1462. Findings and purpose

The Legislature finds and declares that it is in the public interest to encourage ride share arrangements as an energy conservation measure and as a contingency plan to combat the continuing threats of prolonged shortages or rationing of gasoline.

The Legislature further finds that there is a need to promote the ride share concept among Maine businesses and industries, as well as to the general public.

The Legislature also finds that establishment of regional ride share programs which serve the general public and business community of a particular area is an effective means of accomplishing ride share promotion and providing ride share matching and van pool formation assistance.

The Legislature finds it in the public interest to establish a fund drawn from the General Fund from which such entities as local or county government, civic, nonprofit, planning service or community organizations may receive financial assistance for the purpose of implementing a regional ride share service. No funds may be received by an eligible party as described in this section which cannot provide at least 50% of the necessary funds for its ride share project.

§ 1463. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Regional ride share service. "Regional ride share service" may include, but is not necessarily limited to, such commuter ride share matching activities as van pool financing and formation assistance, ride share promotion, creation of area ride share task forces, provisions of community ride share incentives, such as park and pool lots, preferential or reduced fare parking for pools on an area-wide basis.

2. Ride share arrangements. "Ride share arrangements" include, but are not necessarily limited to, car pools, van pools, bus pools and increased use of public transportation services. These arrangements may be sponsored by individuals, individual groups, private employers, ride share businesses or programs, civic service, municipal, county or regional organizations, neighborhood cooperatives, nonprofit corporations and other similar entities.

#### § 1464. Regional Ride Share Services Matching Fund Program

There is established, to carry out the purposes of this chapter, a Regional Ride Share Services Matching Fund Program to be administered by the Office of Energy Resources.

#### § 1465. Allocation and disbursement of funds

The local entity or organization applying for assistance may be eligible for funding of no more than 50% of the cost of its proposed regional ride share project.

The director shall, in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, develop rules and regulations for the allocation and disbursement of funds provided by this chapter. These rules and regulations include, but are not limited to:

1. Disbursement of funds. Provisions for disbursement of funds to eligible parties which endeavor to design and implement regional ride share services;
2. Advice. Provisions for seeking advice from members of communities where proposed regional ride share programs would be implemented;
3. Use of funds. Provisions governing specific uses of state funds by eligible parties and an appropriate time frame for disbursement of the funds; or
4. Funds; reductions. Provisions regarding pro rata reductions in the percentage of funds disbursed as disbursement proceeds.

#### § 1466. Legislative reports

The director shall evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of this chapter and prepare a report for submission to the first regular session of the 111th Legislature. This report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Number and nature of projects. The number and nature of projects funded;
2. Cost. The cost of these projects;
3. Effectiveness. The effectiveness of each project in quantified terms;
4. Amount of energy conservation. The estimated amount of energy conservation by each project; and

5. **Recommendations.** Recommendations regarding continuation of this chapter.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT		
Office of Energy Resources		
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000

Effective September 18, 1981

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**CHAPTER 500**  
**S. P. 223 — L. D. 610**

**AN ACT to Provide for Reimbursement under the Education Finance Act for Programs for Gifted and Talented Children.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA § 4743, sub-§ 18, ¶¶ A and B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, are amended to read:

A. The costs of certified professionals, assistants and aides or persons contracted to perform a special education service; ~~and~~

B. The costs of tuition and board to other schools for programs which have been approved by the commissioner; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2.** 20 MRSA § 4743, sub-§ 18, ¶ C is enacted to read:

C. The costs of programs for gifted and talented children which have been approved by the commissioner.

Effective September 18, 1981

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**CHAPTER 501**  
**H. P. 1453 — L. D. 1597**

**AN ACT to Update and Clarify Legislation Concerning Agencies within or Affiliated with the Department of Business Regulation.**