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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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for Needy Families program, TANF.

Bureau of Family Independence - Central

All Other 4,850,000 4,500,000

Provides for the allocation of funds to develop and implement the Automated Client Eligibility System, ACES, computer system.

Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment

All Other 9,721,690 12,650,000

Provides for the allocation of funds for ASPIRE services associated with TANF recipients' participation in the ASPIRE Program.

Purchased Social Services

All Other 500,000 500,000

Transfers funds to the Social Services Block Grant for additional services for victims of domestic violence to assist them as they move toward being self-supporting.

Bureau of Family Independence - Regional

All Other 1,050,000 700,000

Provides for the allocation of funds for additional data processing costs.

Departmentwide

All Other (18,773,580) (21,482,133)

Deallocates funds and transfers those funds among several accounts to provide services and benefits associated with the implementation of welfare reform in accordance with the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

Child Care Services

All Other 1,000,000 2,000,000

Transfers funds from TANF to the Child Care Development Fund for additional child care services associated with self-support initiatives.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL

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PART D

Sec. D-1. Allotment of block grant funds authorized. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1669-A or any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Human Services is authorized to allot funds in the federal block grant Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment program by financial order in fiscal year 1997-98 up to \$928,310 from an available fiscal year 1996-97 balance of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds in the Departmentwide program.

Sec. D-2. Report. The Commissioner of Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 1998 on a recommended method to access and expend unobligated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant fund balances from prior fiscal years.

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

Effective June 12, 1997.

CHAPTER 531

S.P. 318 - L.D. 1058

An Act to Require Legislative Review of Revisions to the State's Clean Air Strategy

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. A, §40 and Pt. B, §159, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The department shall confer with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters before it proposes any revisions to the state implementation plan, required in the federal Clean Air Act, Section 110, 42 United States Code, Section 7410, that would require the State to implement new emissions reduction strategies or programs or substantially revise or terminate existing emissions reduction strategies or programs.

Sec. 2. Budget authorization. The Legislature's existing budgeted resources must be utilized for the per diem and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses if it is necessary for all members or a subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources to meet before the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature convenes.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 532

H.P. 29 - L.D. 54

An Act to Encourage Art Education in the State

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §410 is enacted to read:

§410. Arts outreach program

1. Program established. The Maine Arts Commission shall administer an arts education outreach program with the advice of the Commissioner of Education.

2. Program functions. The program may provide professional development opportunities in arts education to public school teachers, including classroom teachers and special education teachers, statewide.

3. Purpose. The purpose of the program is to increase the availability of arts education to all public school students.

4. Resources of department. The Department of Education shall provide information, promotion, technical support, resources and personnel as necessary to ensure the proper operation of the arts education outreach program.

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

1998-99

MAINE ARTS COMMISSION

Arts - Administration

All Other	\$75,000
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Provides funds to administer an arts education outreach program for teachers.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 533

H.P. 39 - L.D. 64

An Act to Provide Reimbursement to Counties for Persons Jailed on Probation Revocations

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1210, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. MM, §2 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

2. Reimbursement. Except as provided in subsection 6-A, the department shall, under this section, reimburse each county quarterly for each actual day served at that county correctional facility by:

A. Persons convicted of a Class A, Class B or Class C crime sentenced after March 31, 1987 to serve a term of imprisonment pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1203, subsection 1; or section 1252, subsection 1; ~~and~~

B. Persons convicted of a Class A, Class B or Class C crime sentenced after December 31, 1988 to serve a term of imprisonment pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1203, subsection 1 or section 1252, subsection 1; ~~and~~

C. Persons convicted of a Class A, B or C crime sentenced after September 1, 1997, to serve a term of imprisonment pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1206, if the defendant is sentenced to a county jail.

Reimbursement for periods after June 30, 1987 may not be authorized until the reimbursable costs for the operations of the jail are agreed upon by the commissioner and the county commissioners for that county. Reimbursable costs for the operations of the jail must, to the extent practicable, be mutually agreed upon prior to the actual expenditures of funds for those costs. Prior approval of all capital expenditures is