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appropriate for adopting rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375. In conducting this review and determining the portions appropriate for rulemaking, the bureau shall consult with advocates for families and other interested persons. The bureau shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the results of the review. The bureau shall conclude this review and adopt the appropriate rules by June 30, 2001. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. Comprehensive information. By September 30, 2000, the Department of Human Services shall publish a comprehensive pamphlet describing the child protective process and the rights and responsibilities of parents in the child protective system. This pamphlet must be provided to parents in the beginning of the child protective assessment and must include a list of support services available to families to help them reduce risk to children in the home. The pamphlet must be revised and modified as changes are made in policy, rule and law.

Sec. 3. Review of child protective services. By September 30, 2000, the Department of Human Services shall convene a multi-disciplinary group that includes representatives of persons involved in the child protective system, including the Child Welfare Advisory Committee, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4089, to consider and make recommendations for improvements in the child protective services program. By March 1, 2001, the department shall report the findings and recommendations of the group to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters. The report must include, but is not limited to, recommendations for creating fair and appropriate procedures, consistent with due process, for child protective activities of the department prior to filing a petition under Title 22, subchapter IV, including procedures regarding the substantiation of allegations of abuse and the development and review of child protective services plans.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 96

H.P. 1778 - L.D. 2492

An Act to Ensure Adequate Funding of Adult Education

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, adult education is important to the people of this State; and

Whereas, more funds are necessary to ensure the availability of education to adults; and

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

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1999-00

**EDUCATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Adult Education

All Other	\$78,855
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Provides additional funds to increase the state subsidy for adult education. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year must carry forward to be used for the same purpose in fiscal year 2000-01.

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

Effective May 10, 2000.

CHAPTER 97

S.P. 933 - L.D. 2383

An Act to Help Support the Medical Ride Volunteer Service

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2000-01
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Bureau of Elder and Adult Services	
All Other	\$50,000
Provides one-time funds for direct grants to local area agencies on aging to support the medical ride volunteer service that provides transportation. These funds must be used as direct pass-through money and may not be used for administrative costs. A portion of these funds may be used by the local area agencies on aging to develop an informational brochure to explain how to access the medical ride volunteer service.	
Purchased Social Services	
All Other	(50,000)
Provides for the one-time deappropriation of funds to transfer available funds to the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services for the medical ride volunteer service that provides transportation.	
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	
TOTAL	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 98

H.P. 1764 - L.D. 2470

An Act to Fund the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2000-01
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
Lakes Heritage Trust Fund	
All Other	\$20,000
Appropriates one-time funds to provide additional resources to the Lakes Heritage Trust Fund.	
See title page for effective date.	

CHAPTER 99

S.P. 1031 - L.D. 2611

An Act to Protect and Enhance the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine

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

Sec. 1. United States Naval Shipyard defense diversification project. The Southern Maine Economic Development District shall study, in coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the federal Economic Development Administration, the Town of Kittery, the Market Development Center, the Maine Science and Technology Foundation and the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the feasibility of using the facilities and technology available at the United States Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the facilities at the shipyard and their potential for use by private sector industries for nondefense-related projects. Based on the study, the Southern Maine Economic Development District and the others involved in the study shall develop a targeted marketing program aimed at Maine industries, including the development of materials that highlight both the resources of the shipyard and the Town of Kittery as a place to do business.

Sec. 2. Funds revert to General Fund. Funds appropriated pursuant to this Act to the Department of Economic and Community Development revert to the General Fund if the Southern Maine Economic Development District does not receive the anticipated federal Economic Development Administration grant.

Sec. 3. Plan for use of funds. The Southern Maine Economic Development District must submit a detailed plan to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the use of any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act. The Department of