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of the committee. These funds are derived from unobligated dedicated funds that will be transferred from the Office of Consumer Credit Regulation in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Legislature at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
Personal Services	\$660	\$0
All Other	2,550	0
Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$3,210	\$0

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

Effective June 16, 2003.

CHAPTER 463

H.P. 59 - L.D. 51

An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Laws

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §992, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 702, §2, is amended to read:

5. Program evaluation. "Program evaluation" means an examination of any government program that includes performance audits, management analysis, inspections, operations or research or examinations of efficiency, effectiveness, or economy and, when determined necessary by the committee, financial audits and post-audits. All financial audits and post-audits must be performed by the Department of Audit or, if the Department of Audit is unable to perform the audit within the time frame established by the committee to complete the report, a qualified auditor.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §992, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Qualified auditor. "Qualified auditor" means an auditor who meets the education and experience requirements of the Office of State Auditor as defined in Title 5, section 241.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §994, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 702, §2, is amended to read:

10. Adopt rules. To adopt rules, as long as the rules are not in conflict with the Joint Rules of the Legislature. By January 1, 2005, the committee must

develop a mission statement to be included in the rules.

Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §995, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 702, §2, is amended to read:

4. Annual report. The director shall prepare an annual report of the office's activities for each calendar year and shall submit that annual report to the committee and the Legislature no later than ~~March 1st~~ January 15th of each calendar year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 464

S.P. 436 - L.D. 1345

An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to the Maine Biomedical Research Program and To Amend the Calculation of Funds To Be Transferred to the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund

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

Whereas, this legislation adds general obligation bonds issued for research and development to the calculation of funds to the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund; and

Whereas, it is imperative that this legislation be effective in advance of the authorization of additional bonds; 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. 5 MRSA §13060-C, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. RR, §2 and affected by §18, is amended to read:

To assist the department in preparing a comprehensive research and development evaluation, a recipient of state funding including general obligation bond proceeds for research and development shall, in addition to any other reporting requirements required by law: