

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

**6. Release time for state board meeting attendance.** A teacher or administrator serving on the state board must be granted release time for attendance at state board meetings. The state board is responsible for the cost of any substitute teacher for a teacher granted release time under this subsection.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
State Board of Education 0614**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the cost of substitute teachers needed when a teacher is granted release time to serve on the State Board of Education.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$4,950	\$4,950
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,950</b>	<b>\$4,950</b>

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**CHAPTER 422  
H.P. 167 - L.D. 204**

**An Act To Provide Funding for  
a Ranger Pilot Position in the  
Maine Forest Service**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for one Ranger Pilot position and All Other funding for a vehicle, training, clothing and a firearm.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$59,033	\$81,815
All Other	\$9,717	\$11,751
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68,750</b>	<b>\$93,566</b>

**Forest Resource Management Z233**

Initiative: Provides funding for one Ranger Pilot position and All Other funding for a vehicle, training, clothing and a firearm.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
Personal Services	\$24,112	\$33,418
All Other	\$3,969	\$4,800
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,081</b>	<b>\$38,218</b>

**Office of the Commissioner 0401**

Initiative: Provides All Other funding for a laptop and cellular telephone.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$3,000	\$4,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2019-20	2020-21
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$99,831</b>	<b>\$135,784</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$99,831</b>	<b>\$135,784</b>

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**CHAPTER 423  
H.P. 273 - L.D. 347**

**An Act To Provide Sustainable Funding for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §6006-H, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 377, §2, is amended to read:

A. The fund is established in the custody of the bank as a special fund to provide financial assistance for capital investment in public water and wastewater infrastructure. For the purposes of this section, "public water and wastewater infrastructure" includes, but is not limited to public water systems, drinking water supplies and treatment facilities, public wastewater systems and treatment facilities and water pollution abatement systems.

The fund may also be used to provide financial assistance for capital investment in private and commercial wastewater systems as allowed under Title 38, sections 411 and 411-A.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §6054, sub-§5, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. B, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Thirty percent to the State Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fund established pursuant to section 6006-H and divided as follows:

(1) Forty-five percent to an account within the State Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fund for drinking water purposes divided as follows:

(a) Up to the maximum amount allowed for the state match for federal funds provided to the safe drinking water revolving loan fund established under section 6006-B to an account within the Department of Health and Human Services for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems; and

(b) The remainder to the Maine Drinking Water Fund established pursuant to Title 22, section 2610; and

(2) Fifty-five percent to an account within the State Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fund for wastewater purposes divided as follows:

(a) Up to the maximum amount allowed for the state match for federal funds provided to the revolving loan fund established under section 6006-A to an account within the Department of Environmental Protection for revolving loans for wastewater treatment; and

(b) The remainder to the Maine Clean Water Fund established pursuant to Title 38, section 411-C;

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §411-C, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 377, §3, is amended to read:

A. The fund is established as a nonlapsing fund to provide financial assistance, in accordance with subsection 2, for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, repair, protection and improvement of ~~public~~ wastewater systems and treatment facilities and water pollution abatement systems.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §411-C, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 377, §3, is amended to read:

A. To make grants to public wastewater systems under sections 411, ~~411-A~~ and 412;

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## CHAPTER 424

### H.P. 285 - L.D. 376

#### An Act To Expand Health Insurance Options for Town Academies

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶J**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 438, §2, is further amended to read:

J. Legislative employees that are recipients of retirement allowances from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System based upon creditable service as teachers, as defined by section 17001, subsection 42; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶K**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 438, §3, is amended to read:

K. Any employee of a school administrative unit as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26 or of an educational advisory organization as described in Title 30-A, section 5724, subsection 9; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶L** is enacted to read:

L. Any employee of an academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 438, §4, is further amended to read:

**1-B. Ineligibility.** Except as provided in subsection 1, ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs K and L and subsection 11-A, members of the Maine Municipal Association and employees of counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof, including quasi-municipal corporations, are not eligible to participate in the group health plan under this section.

**Sec. 5. Enrollment.** An academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955 that elects to enroll its employees in the group health plan in accordance with this Act may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month following the termination of the academy's prior group health plan, but no sooner than January 1, 2020. For an employee hired after January 1, 2020 or who becomes eligible for the group health plan based on a qualifying life event occurring after January 1, 2020, the employee may enroll in the group health plan on the first day of the month after the date on which the employee becomes eligible for enrollment.