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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Augusta, Maine
2019

SECTION TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
GENERAL FUND	\$131,521	\$6,652
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,025,857	\$51,453
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,157,378	\$58,105

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 483
S.P. 20 - L.D. 67**

An Act To Ensure Access to Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 438, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. It is a defense that prosecution was commenced after the expiration of the applicable period of limitations provided in this section, except that the following prosecutions may be commenced at any time:

A. A prosecution for murder or criminal homicide in the first or 2nd degree; or

B. If the victim had not attained the age of 16 years at the time of the crime, a prosecution for incest; unlawful sexual contact; sexual abuse of a minor; or rape or gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 392, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Except as provided in subsection 1 or 2-A, a prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime must be commenced within 6 years after it is committed and a prosecution for a Class D or Class E crime must be commenced within 3 years after it is committed.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 392, §2, is amended to read:

2-A. A prosecution for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime involving unlawful sexual contact or gross sexual assault must be commenced within 8 20 years after it is committed.

This subsection does not apply to a Class D crime enhanced to a Class C crime pursuant to section 1252, subsection 4-A.

Sec. 4. Application. This Act applies to the following Class A, Class B or Class C crimes committed on or after the effective date of this Act or for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act: gross sexual assault under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 253; and unlawful sexual contact under Title 17-A, section 255-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 484
H.P. 1259 - L.D. 1772**

An Act To Secure Transitions to Economic Prosperity for Maine Families and Children

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 256, §1; c. 284, Pt. NNNNNN, §10; c. 290, §1; and c. 412, §2, is further amended to read:

B. The department may use funds, insofar as resources permit, provided under and in accordance with the United States Social Security Act or state funds appropriated for this purpose or a combination of state and federal funds to provide assistance to families under this chapter. In addition to assistance for families described in this subsection, funds must be expended for the following purposes:

(1) To continue the pass-through of the first \$50 per month of current child support collections and the exclusion of the \$50 pass-through from the budget tests and benefit calculations;

(2) To provide financial assistance to noncitizens legally admitted to the United States who are receiving assistance under this subsection as of July 1, 2011. Recipients of assistance under this subparagraph are limited to the categories of noncitizens who would be eligible for the TANF programs but for their status as aliens under PRWORA. Eligibility for the TANF program for these categories of noncitizens must be determined using the criteria applicable to other recipients of assistance from the TANF program. Any household receiving assistance as of July 1, 2011 may continue to receive assistance, as long as that household remains eligible, without regard to interruptions in coverage or gaps in eligibility for service. A noncitizen legally