

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine  
2020**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$0	\$150,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund N343**

Initiative: Provides allocation for a contract for an annual audit.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$0	\$65,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

**Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund N343**

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for an independent verification and validation vendor contract.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

**Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund N343**

Initiative: Provides allocation for the STA-CAP plan.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$0	\$19,751
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,751</b>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
	\$0	\$908,122
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$908,122</b>

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094**

Initiative: Provides allocation to establish one part-time Insurance Actuarial Assistant position and All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$0	\$2,340

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$2,340
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**Insurance - Bureau of 0092**

Initiative: Provides allocation to establish one part-time Insurance Actuarial Assistant position and All Other costs.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.500
Personal Services	\$0	\$39,605
All Other	\$0	\$7,691
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$47,296</b>

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
	\$0	\$49,636
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$49,636</b>

<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$957,758</b>
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$957,758</b>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 654**

**H.P. 1435 - L.D. 2014**

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Grant Program**

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

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11616 imposes limitations on the duration of Maine State Grant Program funding for students in order to encourage degree completion and conserve scarce public resources; and

**Whereas,** during the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature, the Legislature appropriated additional funds to the Maine State Grant Program in order to facilitate the return to education and completion of degrees by adult learners in order to contribute to their personal well-being and the state workforce; and

**Whereas,** a provision in the laws governing the program prevents an adult learner from receiving a grant for more than 10 semesters or the equivalent thereof at the institution the adult learner attends; and

**Whereas,** this legislation increases the semester limit from 10 to 12 semesters for adult learners and needs to take effect for fiscal year 2019-20; 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. 20-A MRSA §11616, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 642, §6, is further amended to read:

**2. Period of study.** An eligible full-time or part-time student may receive a grant for a period not to exceed 10 semesters or the equivalent thereof at the institution that the student is attending, except that an adult learner as determined by the authority by routine technical rule may receive a grant for a period not to exceed 12 semesters.

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

Effective March 18, 2020.

**CHAPTER 655**

**S.P. 710 - L.D. 2020**

**An Act To Strengthen  
Maritime Education by  
Amending the Laws Governing  
the Maine School for Marine  
Science, Technology,  
Transportation and  
Engineering**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8232, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 363, §4, is amended to read:

The school is established as a public, ~~residential~~ school located in the Town of Searsport and the following provisions apply.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8232, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §13, is further amended to read:

**2. Tuition; room and board; funding.** Students ~~A student~~ from this State may attend the school free of

tuition charges. Additional funding for students from this State may be provided within amounts appropriated for that purpose as follows.

A. State funding for the school must be provided using the method established for public charter schools that are authorized by the commission in accordance with the funding provisions established in section 2413-A and section 15683-B. To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must have resided in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8235, sub-§16,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 363, §4, is amended to read:

**16. Report.** To report annually to the Governor, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on the results of the assessment in subsection 15 and the general status of the school and to provide a financial audit of the school conducted by an independent auditor; The report under this subsection must include, at a minimum, assessments for:

- A. Student academic proficiency;
- B. Student academic growth;
- C. Achievement gaps in both proficiency and growth between major student subgroups;
- D. Attendance;
- E. Recurrent enrollment from year to year;
- F. Postsecondary readiness;
- G. Financial performance and sustainability;
- H. Board of trustees performance and stewardship; and
- I. Parent and community engagement;

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8238,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 531, §1, is further amended to read:

**§8238. Implementation; limited authorization**

The school may implement the plan established for the statewide education programs pursuant to section 8236, subsection 2 ~~during the 2017-2018 school year.~~

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all powers, duties and authority of the school under this chapter and under any other law terminate 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the ~~129th~~ 130th Legislature.

**Sec. 5. Plan for school's future to be included in 2019-2020 annual report.** The Board of Trustees of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering shall include in the annual report required under the Maine Revised