

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2021

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish one Social Services Manager I position, one Social Service Program Specialist II position, 3 DD Resource Coordinator positions and one Office Associate II position to manage the Help Maine Grow System.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$404,328	\$564,857
All Other	\$34,597	\$46,486
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$438,925	\$611,343

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish one Social Services Manager I position, one Social Service Program Specialist II position and one Office Associate II position to manage the First 4 ME Early Care and Education Program and for all contracts required by the program.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$206,138	\$288,143
All Other	\$17,353	\$23,323
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$223,491	\$311,466

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$1,114,916	\$4,121,559
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,114,916	\$4,121,559

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 458
H.P. 13 - L.D. 47**

An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics

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

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to the State's free health clinics. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the funds appropriated in section 3 to the State's free health clinics by establishing a grant process in order to distribute the funds as quickly as

possible. In issuing the grants, the department shall develop the criteria to be met by a free health clinic, including, but not limited to, the population that would be able to be served with grant funding. As a condition of receiving grant funding, a free health clinic must, no later than December 15, 2021, report to the department information about how the grant funding would be used by the clinic.

Sec. 2. Report from the Department of Health and Human Services on funding of the State's free health clinics. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2022 with information on which clinics were awarded funds under this Act, how much each clinic received and how the grant funding was used by the clinics. Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Provides one-time grant funding for the State's free health clinics.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$40,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,000	\$50,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 459
S.P. 49 - L.D. 120**

An Act To Lower Health Care Costs through the Establishment of the Office of Affordable Health Care

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §2041, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. A, §5, is amended to read:

1. Board established. The Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board, as established in section 12004-G, subsection 14-I and referred to in this chapter as "the board," shall carry out the purposes of this chapter. Administrative oversight of the board must be provided by the Office of Affordable Health Care.