

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2022**

housing matters, transportation matters and economic and community development matters no later than January 1st of each year until 2030 regarding activities and progress made toward ending hunger in the State by 2030. The joint standing committees may each submit a bill to the Legislature each year relating to the subject matter of the report.

**Sec. 2. Strategic plan to end hunger by 2030.** The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3102 shall coordinate the implementation of the strategies to build infrastructure and increase capacity to end hunger in the State as outlined in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry January 2022 report, "Everyone at the Table: Maine's Roadmap to End Hunger by 2030."

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

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

##### Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Appropriates funding for one Public Service Coordinator II position and related All Other costs to support the coordination, communications and activities of the strategic plan to end hunger in the State by 2030.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS -	0.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$125,885
All Other	\$0	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$130,885

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 678

##### S.P. 131 - L.D. 305

#### An Act To Include Certain Employees in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters

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

**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Employed" means to be employed as an active duty firefighter or by the Office of the State Fire Marshal or by the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry or to be an active member

of a volunteer fire association with no compensation other than injury and death benefits.

**Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

C. "Firefighter" means a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire association whose duties include the extinguishment of fires ~~or~~ an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry whose duties include the extinguishment or investigation of fires.

**Sec. 3. 39-A MRSA §328-B, sub-§6,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 373, §2, is further amended to read:

**6. Length of service.** In order to qualify for the presumption under subsection 2, the firefighter must have been employed as a firefighter for 5 years and, except for an investigator or sergeant in the Office of the State Fire Marshal or an employee in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry, regularly responded to firefighting or emergency calls.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 679

##### S.P. 220 - L.D. 533

#### An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program

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

**Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §15011,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 481, §1, is amended to read:

**§15011. Statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program**

Beginning ~~September 1, 2020~~ January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall implement a statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program to provide support, guidance and training to improve the abilities and skills of early care and education teachers and providers working in public elementary schools, child care facilities as defined in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B, family child care settings and Head Start programs serving infants and children who are 8 years of age or younger who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings, and to improve the abilities and

skills of families and foster parents with infants or children who are 8 years of age or younger in the home who are experiencing challenging behaviors that put the infants or children at risk of learning difficulties and removal from early learning and education settings. Any record about a child created as a result of a consultation under this section must be made available to the parents or guardians of that child and may not become part of that child's education record. Fifty percent of the costs related to the program implemented under this section must be paid from funds provided to the department under the federal child and development block grant authorized under the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. The department shall seek and apply for available federal funds or funds from any other source to fund the program implemented under this section.

No later than January 1, 2023 and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters relating to the status of implementing the program under this section, the ability of the program to provide support and guidance to families, educators and providers working with children and the department's progress in seeking and applying for additional funding to support the program.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

##### Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Social Services Manager I position and one Social Services Program Specialist II position and related All Other funding necessary for the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program, beginning on January 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS -	0.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$102,643
All Other	\$0	\$9,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$112,180

##### Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to continue the statewide voluntary early childhood consultation program, beginning on January 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$1,345,560
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,345,560

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,457,740
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,457,740

See title page for effective date.

### CHAPTER 680

#### H.P. 387 - L.D. 542

#### An Act To Establish the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §613** is enacted to read:

#### **§613. Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services as an Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purposes of this section.

**2. Fund purposes.** For the purposes of assisting the board in ensuring the continuous operation of the Maine Veterans' Homes pursuant to section 604, subsection 6, the department may enter into agreements or cooperative arrangements with a state or federal agency or with any person, firm or corporation. The department may receive, administer and disburse any funds or contributions from a state or federal agency, person, firm or corporation, either independently or in conjunction with state funds allocated to these purposes.

**3. Nonlapsing.** Unexpended funds in the fund do not lapse at the end of any fiscal year but are carried forward to be used for the same purposes.

**4. Fund use; notification.** The department shall notify the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and over veterans affairs each time the department plans to transfer or expend any amount from the fund or otherwise affect the balance in the fund no less than 14 days prior to any transfer or expenditure, unless an emergency proclamation issued under section 742 is in effect. The notification must include the amount of funds required and the purpose for which the funds are required.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.