

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**September 29, 2021**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 5, 2022 to May 9, 2022**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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

Personal Services	\$0	\$98,620
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$98,620</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$98,620
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$98,620</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Archives 0050**

Initiative: Establishes one Data Governance Architect position within the Maine State Archives to advance data governance policies and programs including design and implementation of necessary database and system architecture and facilitate accessibility, equity, privacy and security.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Personal Services	0.000	1.000
	\$0	\$118,328
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$118,328</b>

<b>SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$118,328
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$118,328</b>

**STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS, PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE**

**Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position within the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations to coordinate the commission's ongoing consultative role in establishing and enhancing the data governance program.

<b>GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
Personal Services	0.000	1.000
	\$0	\$98,620
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$98,620</b>

**STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS, PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$98,620
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$98,620</b>
<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$315,568
<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$315,568</b>

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**CHAPTER 718  
H.P. 1227 - L.D. 1656**

**An Act To Promote Energy-efficient Affordable Housing**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4722, sub-§1, ¶Z-1 is enacted to read:**

Z-1. Condition approval of funding of a housing project upon an applicant's compliance with standards and requirements under section 4726;

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4726 is enacted to read:**

**§4726. Housing design standards and sustainability requirements**

**1. Housing design standards.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall require that construction projects funded by the Maine State Housing Authority meet the standards of at least one of the following:

A. A set of design principles used to attain a quantifiable and rigorous level of energy efficiency within a specific quantifiable comfort level, as determined by a national passive house institute or an international passive house association;

B. A 3rd-party green building certification program that is a globally recognized standard for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings and neighborhoods, as established by a national green building council;

C. A living building program with site, water, energy, health, materials, equity and beauty standards as established by an international institute; or

D. A 3rd-party-recognized certification or state program that is substantially similar to a certification system under paragraph A, B or C and that is approved by the Maine State Housing Authority.

**2. Sustainability requirements.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall require that construction projects funded by the Maine State Housing Authority:

A. Use all-electric equipment and systems or other non-fossil fuel systems for heating, domestic hot water, cooking and cooling needs. Backup and secondary systems may use other fuels, including fossil fuels;

B. Provide infrastructure for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations for resident parking facilities or provide for electric vehicle charging; or

C. Provide infrastructure for the installation of solar photovoltaic systems and energy storage where appropriate, including providing for sufficient interior space to allow for solar photovoltaic inverters and energy storage.

The Maine State Housing Authority may provide for a limited waiver to the requirements of this subsection for specific and extenuating circumstances where local conditions limit the ability of the construction project to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

**3. Rulemaking.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Sec. 3. Rules.** No later than January 1, 2024, the Maine State Housing Authority shall adopt rules to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4726.

**Sec. 4. Collaboration.** The Maine State Housing Authority shall collaborate with the Efficiency Maine Trust on program incentives to support the affordable implementation of the housing design standards and requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4726, as appropriate, within available existing resources.

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**CHAPTER 719**

**S.P. 540 - L.D. 1679**

**An Act Regarding Expanding  
Access to Free School Meals**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6601-A,** as amended by PL 2021, c. 212, §1, is further amended to read:

**§6601-A. Free or reduced-price school meals; Internet-based school meal applications**

The department shall contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 and the School Breakfast Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220. The department shall make available to public schools the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals developed under this section on the department's publicly accessible website. The department shall make the Internet-based application in an understandable and uniform format and, to the maximum extent practicable, in a language that parents and legal guardians can understand. A public school may make the Internet-based application available for school meal applications on the public school's publicly accessible website. All public schools shall continue to distribute paper applications for school meals to all students. A public school is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications. Data submitted through the Internet-based application may not be visible to the department and must be transmitted directly to the applicable public school. All public schools shall accept data submitted through the Internet-based application.

**Sec. 2. Department of Education to study free and reduced-price meals for publicly funded students at private schools approved for tuition purposes.** The Department of Education shall conduct an analysis to determine the cost for the State to provide funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement for free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch under the national school breakfast and lunch programs in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 210 and 220 (2007) for each publicly funded student who:

1. Attends a private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students; and
2. Is ineligible for a free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch.

The Department of Education shall submit a report with its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than February 1, 2023. The joint standing committee having jurisdiction over education matters may submit legislation based on the report to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

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