

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**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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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**AUGUST 8, 2022**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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

**CHAPTER 752  
H.P. 325 - L.D. 449**

**An Act To Strengthen the  
Ability of Public Employers  
and Teachers' Unions To  
Negotiate**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 107, §5, is further amended to read:

B. ~~¶~~ Except as provided in paragraph B-1, to meet within 10 days after receipt of written notice from the other party requesting a meeting for collective bargaining purposes, as long as the parties have not otherwise agreed in a prior written contract. This obligation is suspended during the period between a referendum approving a new regional school unit and the operational date of the regional school unit, as long as the parties meet at reasonable times during that period;

**Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§1, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. For a public employer that is a school district and the bargaining agent representing teachers within that school district, to meet within 10 days after receipt of written notice from the other party requesting a meeting for collective bargaining purposes. This obligation is suspended during the period between a referendum approving a new regional school unit and the operational date of the regional school unit, as long as the parties meet at reasonable times during that period;

**Sec. 3. Reimbursement for certain collective bargaining costs.** The Department of Education shall develop a process to provide reimbursement to those school administrative units that, but for the requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 965, subsection 1, paragraph B-1 that a school administrative unit and bargaining unit representing teachers collectively bargain within 10 days of receipt of written notice even if otherwise agreed to in a prior written contract, would not otherwise engage in collective bargaining. Reimbursement must be provided to those school administrative units at 90% of the legal and other expenses incurred by those school administrative units to meet and engage in collective bargaining.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**State Mandate Reimbursement - Collective Bargaining N399**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to reimburse certain local school administrative units for 90% of the legal and other costs to meet and negotiate within 10 days after a written notice from the other party is made due to the exception to the mutual obligation to meet requirement in a collective bargaining agreement being repealed.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$52,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$52,200

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 753  
S.P. 190 - L.D. 484**

**An Act Relating to the Housing  
Opportunities for Maine Fund**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. AAAAAAA, §1, is further amended to read:

E. In fiscal year 2015-16 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Treasurer of State shall credit the revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A, subsection 1 in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to meet the authority's obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

(2) On a monthly basis the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first pay revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4863, until the amount paid equals the amount certified by the Maine State Housing Authority under subparagraph (1), after which the Treasurer of State shall credit any remaining revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund.

(3) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall credit 50% of the revenues to the Maine State Housing Authority, except that, notwithstanding paragraph F, in fiscal year 2015-16, the Treasurer of State shall first credit