

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 29, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
OCTOBER 25, 2023

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

DEPARTMENT TOTAL -	\$29,924	\$31,251
ALL FUNDS		

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CHAPTER 485
S.P. 642 - L.D. 1625

**An Act to Update Criminal
Indictment Procedures and
Expand the Provision of
Counsel to Certain Indigent
Defendants**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §810, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 147, Pt. C, §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§810. Copy of indictment furnished; assignment of counsel

1. Copy of indictment furnished. The clerk shall, without charge, furnish to any person indicted for a crime a copy of the indictment unless the indictment is sealed.

2. Assignment of counsel before arraignment. Before arraignment, competent defense counsel must be assigned by the court unless waived by the accused after being fully advised of the accused's rights by the court if the court determines that the accused is indigent and the accused is charged with murder or a Class A, B or C crime, except when the accused has not had an initial appearance on the complaint.

3. Assignment of counsel at arraignment. Competent defense counsel must be assigned by the court unless waived by the accused after being fully advised of the accused's rights by the court if the court determines that the accused is indigent and that:

- A. There is a risk upon conviction that the accused may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment;
- B. The accused has a physical, mental or emotional disability preventing the accused from fairly participating in the criminal proceeding without counsel; or
- C. The accused is a noncitizen for whom the criminal proceeding poses a risk of adverse immigration consequences.

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CHAPTER 486
S.P. 817 - L.D. 1988

**An Act to Provide Critical
Matching Funds for Child
Care Services on the Northern
Maine Community College
Campus**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to match funds provided for child care services on the Northern Maine Community College campus.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,000,000

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