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**131st Legislature (2022-2024)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 424 / HP0257

Original Title: An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government.  
New Title: An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 03/30/23. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-12, HA/CA H-14, HD/CA H-18. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 03/31/23, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 17.

**Original Bill**

[LD 424 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Analyst Summary of Enacted Law**

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**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

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[Amendment HA/CA \(H-14\) \(LD 424 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

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[Amendment HD/CA \(H-18\) \(LD 424 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

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## Floor Proceedings and Debate

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p. S-384 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-14, H-18, H-12)

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## News Articles

Mills budget offers revamp to services for Mainers with disabilities (Caitlin Andrews) (Portland Press Herald, 1/24/2023, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/PPH 230121G.pdf)

Gov Mills criticizes GOP stance on budget (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 3/15/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230314A.pdf)

Bipartisanship pledges appear meaningless (Matthew Gagnon) (Bangor Daily News, 3/16/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230316F.pdf)

Mills meets with leaders in hopes of bipartisan budget deal (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 3/22/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/PPH 230322B.pdf)

Mills huddles with legislative leaders on two-year budget (Steve Mistler) (Bangor Daily News, 3/23/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230323C.pdf)

What's happening behind 'secrecy' on Maine's state budget negotiations (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 3/23/2023, p. A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230323E.pdf)

Baseline budget may be key to preventing shutdown (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 3/24/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/PPH 230324A.pdf)

Legislators start work on trimmed state budget (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 3/27/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230325A.pdf)

Nobody knows how votes on Maine's state budget will land (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 3/27/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230325C.pdf)

Democrats advance majority budget after talks with Republicans crumble (Randy Billings) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 3/27/2023, p. B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/MST 230326D.pdf)

Democrats set to pass Maine budget on their own (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 3/28/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230327B.pdf)

Rancor grows over budget with vote set for Thursday (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 3/29/2023, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/PPH 230329E.pdf)

GOP should walk away from Democrats' state budget (Matthew Gagnon) (Bangor Daily News, 3/30/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230330D.pdf)

With record state revenues, Maine taxpayers should pay less (Billy Bob Faulkingham) (Bangor Daily News, 3/30/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230330E.pdf)

Passing continuing-service budget a win for all Mainers (Dean Staffieri) (Kennebec Journal, 3/30/2023, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/KJ 230330A.pdf)

Will we always be a high-tax state? (Amy B. Arata) (Portland Press Herald, 3/30/2023, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/PPH 230330E.pdf)

Legislature passes budget over Republicans' objections (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 3/31/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/PPH 230331A.pdf)

Democrats ram \$9.9B state budget through Legislature (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 4/3/2023, p. A1 A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230401A.pdf)

Mills signs 2-year, almost \$10B budget (The Associated Press) (Bangor Daily News, 4/3/2023, p. B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230401F.pdf)

Local reps tout need for passing majority state budget (Stephen Betts) (Courier-Gazette, 4/3/2023, p. A3, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/Courier-Gazette 230330D.pdf)

Gov Mills signs 2-year budget over Republicans' objections (Staff report) (Portland Press Herald, 4/3/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/PPH 230401A.pdf)

Maine people deserve better, they deserve tax relief (Billy Bob Faulkingham) (Machias Valley News Observer, 4/4/2023, p. 7, 16) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/Machias Valley News Observer 230405E.pdf)

Maine Legislature OKs state budget (Stephen Betts) (Courier-Gazette, 4/7/2023, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/Courier-Gazette 20230406C.pdf)

Hyperbolic rhetoric rises after Dems pass budget (Amy Fried) (Bangor Daily News, 4/12/2023, p. B7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230412D.pdf)

Budgeting the majority way, like everyone else (Douglas Rooks) (Kennebec Journal, 4/13/2023, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/KJ 230413A.pdf)

State will hire more judges, court clerks (Judy Harrison) (Bangor Daily News, 7/6/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD04xx/nc131-LD-0424/BDN 230704A.pdf)

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