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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst

Date: August, 1999

Re: Bill Summaries, 119th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
CON RES XXX..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE *Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... *Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
INDEF PP *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP ND/NT *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*
READ AND PASSED..... *Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*
PASSED AS AMENDED *Joint Order passed as amended by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 614

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$26,420,000 for Maine's 7 Technical Colleges

P & S 40

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	H-751

LD 614 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$26,850,000, that would have been used for high-technology laboratories and libraries, facility improvements and expansions and upgrading telecommunications and information technology at Maine's 7 technical colleges.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-751) proposed to lower the principal amount and term of the bond issue, adjusted the allocations, required the Maine Technical College System to secure at least a \$7,000,000 match to the principal over the term of the bond and rewrote the ballot question.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 40 authorizes a bond issue to be presented to the voters at the November 1999 general election in the amount of \$26,420,000 to be used for high-technology laboratories and libraries, facility improvements and expansions and upgrading telecommunications and information technology. Allocations from the General Fund bond issue are as follows:

Central Maine Technical College	\$3,250,000
Eastern Maine Technical College	\$4,370,000
Kennebec Valley Technical College	\$3,400,000
Northern Maine Technical College	\$3,000,000
Southern Maine Technical College	\$5,000,000
Washington County Technical College	\$3,100,000
York County Technical College	\$4,300,000

LD 617

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001

**PUBLIC 401
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND MICHAUD	OTP-AM	H-713 H-732 TOWNSEND

LD 617 proposed the following.

Part A:

1. Proposed supplemental appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund;
5. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Office of Information Services Fund;
6. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Risk Management Fund;
7. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Workers' Compensation Management Fund;
8. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund; and
9. Proposed supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund.

Part B:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
5. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part D proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for capital construction, repairs and improvements.

Part E proposed to:

1. Amend the law to allow departments and agencies to place a surcharge on credit card transactions to cover administrative expenses;
2. Amend the law to allow certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
3. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease purchase agreements for the purchase of vehicles; and
4. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to retain the proceeds from the sale of property at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland.

Part F proposed to authorize the voluntary employee incentive to continue for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part G proposed to rename the Maine Advocacy Services program.

Part H proposed to:

1. Establish the Rural Rehabilitation Operating Fund as a nonlapsing fund in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
2. Amend the law as it pertains to the licensing of apiaries; and
3. Amend the law as it pertains to use of fees for bees shipped or moved into the State.

Part I proposed to amend the law as it pertains to fund sources for the Shore and Harbor Management Fund.

Part J proposed to:

1. Rename the Probation and Parole program in the Department of Corrections;
2. Authorize the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions;
3. Rename the Maine Youth Center in the Department of Corrections effective March 1, 2001; and
4. Rename the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in the Department of Corrections effective June 1, 2001.

Part K proposed to establish the Loring Center for Excellence Operations and Maintenance Fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Part L proposed to:

1. Amend the law as it relates to the Audit, Contracting and Licensing Service Center that serves the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and
2. Authorize the transfer of funds to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Part M proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the General Fund "Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program to the "Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and
2. Establish that certain appropriations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are not subject to the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22.

Part N proposed to authorize the Judicial Department to establish limited-period positions for activities relating to the Maine Judicial Information System.

Part O proposed to rename the Library Development Services program in the Maine State Library.

Part P proposed to rename programs in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Part Q proposed to rename the Administration - Museum program in the Maine State Museum.

Part R proposed to amend the law as it relates to General Fund subsidy appropriated to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-713) Part A proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;
3. Proposed allocations from Other Special Revenue funds;
4. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund;
5. Proposed allocations from the Office of Information Services Fund;
6. Proposed allocations from the Risk Management Fund;
7. Proposed allocations from the Workers' Compensation Management Fund;
8. Proposed allocations from the Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund;
9. Proposed allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund; and
10. Proposed allocations from the Highway Fund.

Part B proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund for reclassifications and range changes;
2. Proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for reclassifications and range changes;
3. Proposed allocations from Other Special Revenue funds for reclassifications and range changes;
4. Proposed allocations from the Federal Block Grant Fund for reclassifications and range changes; and
5. Proposed allocations from the Central Motor Pool Fund for reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed appropriations from the General Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part D proposed allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for capital construction, repairs and improvements at the Department of Corrections.

Part E proposed to:

1. Amend the law to allow departments and agencies to accept payment by credit cards or other electronic means for the payment of goods, services, fines, forfeitures or other fees;
2. Amend the law to allow certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward;
3. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease purchase agreements for the purchase of vehicles;
4. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to retain the proceeds from the sale of property at the Maine Youth Center in South Portland;
5. Authorize the Bureau of the Budget to establish 2 limited-period positions;

6. Clarify that the March 1999 and May 1999 revenue reprojections will not require an increase in the transfer to the Maine Rainy Day Fund or an increase in the appropriation to the Retirement Allowance Fund;
7. Allow certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward to June 30, 2000; and
8. Require \$11,128,776 that was transferred from the General Fund in advance of the statutory reduction in sales and use tax in fiscal year 1998-99 to be transferred back to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2000.

Part F proposed to authorize the voluntary employee incentive programs to continue for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part G proposed to rename the Maine Advocacy Services program.

Part H proposed to:

1. Establish the Rural Rehabilitation Operating Fund as a nonlapsing fund in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
2. Amend the law as it pertains to the licensing of apiaries; and
3. Amend the law as it pertains to use of fees for bees shipped or moved into the State.

Part I proposed to amend the law as it pertains to fund sources for the Shore and Harbor Management Fund.

Part J proposed to:

1. Rename the Probation and Parole program in the Department of Corrections;
2. Provide that any temporary positions established by financial order may not be continued without specific appropriations or allocations made by the Legislature;
3. Rename the Maine Youth Center in the Department of Corrections effective March 1, 2001;
4. Rename the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in the Department of Corrections effective June 1, 2001;
5. Authorize the Department of Corrections to transfer funds between line categories by financial order to pay overtime expenses and labor market adjustments to teachers at the Maine Youth Center; and
6. Authorize the Department of Education to transfer funds between line categories and, as a 2nd priority, access funding in the salary plan to pay market salary adjustments to teachers at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.

Part K proposed to:

1. Transfer responsibility for the Civil Air Patrol from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management; and
2. Establish the Loring Center for Excellence Operations and Maintenance Fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Part L proposed to:

1. Amend the law as it relates to the Audit, Contracting and Licensing Service Center that serves the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and

2. Authorize the transfer of funds to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

Part M proposed to:

1. Authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the General Fund "Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program to the "Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife" program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and
2. Establish that certain appropriations to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are not subject to the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22 and that the General Fund's liability for those costs is limited to the amount appropriated.

Part N proposed to authorize the Judicial Department to establish limited-period positions for activities relating to the Maine Judicial Information System.

Part O proposed to rename the Library Development Services program in the Maine State Library.

Part P proposed to:

1. Rename programs in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services;
2. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to establish limited-period positions using fiscal year 1998-99 balances;
3. Require the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under the Medicaid program for cost settlements due from private nonmedical institutions;
4. Allow certain year-end balances in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to carry to June 30, 2000 to be used for community development; and
5. Allow the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to transfer appropriations and positions between certain accounts by financial order as an interim strategy to reduce the size of the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute. Approximately \$300,000 will be used to fund a safe house for trauma victims in southern Maine.

Part Q proposed to rename the Administration - Museum program in the Maine State Museum.

Part R proposed to restore the calculation of "rent constituting property taxes" under the Maine Residents' Property Tax Program to 18% of gross rent.

Part S proposed to allow the Department of Human Services to expend additional funds for child support collection efforts, increases payments from the TANF program and proposed other changes to TANF. This Part also repeals the sunset provision authorizing food stamps for legal immigrants.

Part T proposed to establish that it is the policy of the Legislature that federally qualified health centers continue to be reimbursed at a rate no less than 100% of reasonable costs for services provided.

Part U proposed to incorporate the substance of L.D. 943, as amended by Committee Amendment "A." Except for a few minor technical changes, this Part is identical to the model statute provided in the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) that Maine, together with 45 other states, 5 territories and the District of Columbia, entered into with participating national tobacco manufacturers.

The Master Settlement Agreement contained economic provisions that obligate the participating manufacturers to pay Maine a portion of the State's cost associated with the tobacco companies' misrepresentations and distributions of cigarettes in Maine. In addition, the participating manufacturers have agreed to certain noneconomic terms that restrict their advertising and marketing practices and control their corporate behavior.

Part V proposed to establish the Fund for a Healthy Maine to receive funds pursuant to the settlement in the lawsuit State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al., Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. CV-97-134 as well as money from other sources and interest or income earned on the money in the fund.

It required the Treasurer of State to make annual reports to the Legislature regarding the amount of money available in the fund. During the first 5 years of the fund, the State may expend 90% of the funds actually received; the remaining 10% must be allocated to the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine. The funds may only be spent for specific, enumerated purposes such as smoking prevention, cessation and control activities; prenatal care; children's care; children's and adults' health insurance; and prescription drugs.

After the first 5 years, the State may expend for the same enumerated purposes 90% of the amount in the fund, including the money received pursuant to the settlement, money received from other sources, any interest or income earned on the fund and the amount of any contingency reserve.

The Treasurer of State is directed to develop an investment plan for the money remaining in the fund.

Allocations from the fund are intended to be in addition to any amounts customarily appropriated to those purposes. Expenses from the Fund for a Healthy Maine may not be transferred to the General Fund without specific legislative approval.

It also proposed to repeal an appropriation to the Department of Human Services that was provided in Public Law 1999, chapter 16 and instead authorized a working capital advance for the Department of Human Services to continue the tobacco prevention and control initiative.

Part W proposed to authorize government organizations that use the services of the State Bureau of Investigation to charge fees for those services and allowed the revenues from those fees to be credited to the General Fund and the Highway Fund.

Part X proposed to reduce the sales and use tax rate to 5% effective July 1, 2000. It also repealed the provisions of law that can trigger a 1/2¢ reduction when General Fund revenues exceed those of the previous fiscal year by 8% or more.

Part Y proposed to allocate funds to the Department of Human Services for additional caseworkers to expand the department's capacity to complete adoptions and reduce the time a child waits to be placed with an adoptive family.

Part Z proposed to authorize a transfer of \$300,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Maine Emergency Management Agency to be used as the state match for disaster assistance for storms that occurred from October 8 to October 11, 1998.

It also proposed to authorize the transfer of up to \$5,260,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund in fiscal year 1999-00 for the purchase of land from Plum Creek and up to \$1,600,000 for the purchase of land at Scarborough Beach.

Part AA proposed to require the Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to develop a plan to reduce the agency's reliance on the General Fund in accordance with the Legislature's intent to eliminate General Fund subsidy for the agency's operational costs in fiscal year 2000-01.

Part BB proposed to reorganize the Atlantic Salmon Authority as the Atlantic Salmon Commission. It established the responsibility for management of Atlantic salmon in a commission governed by a policy-making board consisting of 3 members: the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commissioner of Marine Resources and an at-large public member appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The commission's duties are expanded to include protection, preservation, enhancement, restoration and management of Atlantic salmon as well as to secure a sustainable recreational fishery. The commission will also administer the State's Atlantic salmon conservation plan.

Advisory panels from river basin complexes representing the historical range of Atlantic salmon in the State would assist the Atlantic Salmon Commission in developing plans and programs.

This commission also would have responsibility for administration of the Atlantic salmon conservation plan. An executive director, appointed by the board, will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Atlantic Salmon Commission.

Part CC proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue up to \$600,000 in securities to make renovations at the York District Court. It also required the Judicial Department to absorb the cost of the additional debt service within its existing budget for the 2000-2001 biennium.

Part DD proposed to provide the University of Maine System a General Fund appropriation of \$1,200,000 for construction costs related to the Northern Maine Health Initiative.

Part EE proposed to provide the University of Maine System a General Fund appropriation of \$3,500,000 for the costs to construct or reconstruct the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service.

Part FF proposed to provide General Fund appropriations to various programs in the Legislature.

Part GG proposed to include the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It proposed to amend the School Finance Act of 1985 and the School Finance Act of 1995 and proposed to accomplish the following:

1. Address the gap between the per pupil guarantee and the actual level of per pupil costs in local school administrative units by increasing the per pupil guarantee to \$4,020 for fiscal year 1999-00 and by establishing a target per pupil guarantee amount for fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 that would close the gap between the per pupil guarantee amount and actual per pupil costs.
2. Address the insufficient level of state funding for program costs by establishing a 4-year plan to increase the level of funding for program costs that would gradually eliminate the subsidy reductions for these costs.
3. Address the problem faced by school administrative units that are currently losing students and the corresponding state subsidy, but that still face many fixed costs of education that can not be reduced, by providing a declining pupil adjustment to these school units.
4. Address the concerns that some school administrative units have with the use of income and cost-of-living factors as measures of local property taxpayers' ability to raise local appropriations to support public education by eliminating the cost-of-living factor and by freezing the income factor at the income levels used for fiscal year 1997-98 funding after adjusting for unusually large annual increases from the prior year.
5. Address the need for targeted legislative policies regarding appropriation amounts for certain categories of general purpose aid by establishing a separate appropriation for debt service, adjustments and foundation costs, which include operating costs and program costs.
6. Establish a "hold harmless" provision to ensure that no school administrative unit receives a smaller state subsidy in fiscal year 1999-00 than it received in fiscal year 1998-99 or than it would receive under the Part I budget enacted by the Legislature in 1999.

This Part also proposed to direct the State Board of Education to work with the Department of Education to revise the department's data collection methods to acquire the data, including school-level data, needed to implement the essential programs and services model of school funding proposed by the state board. It further directed the state board, in conjunction with the Education Research Institute, to arrange for research regarding local school policies and expenditures on transportation, special education, vocational education, efficiency of school operations and school performance.

It directed the State Board of Education to study practices in other states regarding the amounts and types of state and local revenues used to fund public education, the use of a regional "cost of education" adjustment and how the various states calculate and use an income measure in the school funding formula. The state board shall develop recommendations on how its findings may be used to improve the State's system of school funding.

It established the basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates, the foundation per pupil operating rate, per pupil guarantee and statewide factor. It established the foundation, debt service and adjustment and miscellaneous costs totals.

It proposed additional General Fund appropriations to increase state funding for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools to provide a one-time hardship cushion and to fund data collection and research efforts related to essential services and programs that will be undertaken by the State Board of Education.

Part HH proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund to state departments and agencies;
2. Proposed an Other Special Revenue funds allocation to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and
3. Proposed a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation related to the ice storm of January 1998.

Part II proposed to remove certain restrictions on accepting land for use as a veteran's memorial cemetery. It also provides appropriations to expand the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and to develop property in Caribou that will be used as a veterans' cemetery.

Part JJ proposed the following:

1. Required that a school administrative unit that places a student in an approved transitional instruction program using English as a 2nd language or bilingual techniques under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4701, subsection 2 must receive an adjustment in its state subsidy equal to the amount of supplemental costs for certified instruction programs that teach English as a 2nd language instruction in the approved program. The adjustment to state subsidy is limited to the salary and benefit costs of certified teachers with an endorsement in English as a 2nd language or bilingual education as well as the salary and benefit costs of education technicians providing services through a transitional instruction program using English as a 2nd language or bilingual techniques that has been approved by the Commissioner of Education;
2. Further required that this adjustment is limited to the amount of funds appropriated to general purpose aid to local schools for this purpose. It also permitted the Department of Education to prorate payments to school units if insufficient funds are appropriated for this adjustment, but prohibits the department from redistributing existing appropriations for general purpose aid to local schools if insufficient funds are appropriated for this purpose; and
3. Proposed General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$1,600,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the adjustment and offsets those costs by requiring the Department of Education to lapse the same amounts from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to the General Fund.

Part KK proposed to establish a one-time grant program administered by the Department of Education to encourage schools that have a high percentage of their student body who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals to establish school breakfast programs.

Part LL proposed to establish the Maine Communities in the New Century Program to preserve, revitalize and improve the State's cultural resources in order to provide the State's citizens with: preservation of the character and quality of life of the State, improved educational resources and access to them and expanded community and economic development

opportunities. The program falls under the auspices of and will be monitored and evaluated by the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, a legislatively mandated entity that coordinates the needs of the State's public cultural resources. The participating agencies in the program are the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine State Library, the Maine State Museum, the Maine Historical Society, the Maine State Archives and the Maine Humanities Council. The program will provide matching grants, technical assistance and other services to local, nonprofit, community-based organizations. It also contains an appropriations section.

Part MM proposed to provide funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to increase access to oral health care for low-income children and adults by providing for the establishment and expansion of oral health programs that will be available to all people regardless of income. By using a sliding fee scale and accepting Medicaid without restrictions, these programs will increase access to oral health care for the uninsured and underinsured and Medicaid patients.

Part NN proposed to establish the Maine Dental Education Loan Program. Under the program, the Finance Authority of Maine will award loans to Maine residents who have been accepted into dental school. If, upon completing dental education, the loan recipient elects to practice dentistry in an area determined to be underserved, the loan recipient may be forgiven a portion of the loan. It also provided that the program will offer loan forgiveness to assist a licensed dentist in paying off existing loans if the dentist practices dental medicine in an underserved population area.

It also proposed to allocate \$60,000 from amounts available in the Fund for a Healthy Maine to fund the program.

Part OO proposed to allocate funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for operating costs of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System.

Part PP proposed to provide allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for grants to family planning and pregnancy prevention services.

Part QQ proposed to model the Cub Care drug rebate program after the Medicaid drug rebate program to allow a broader spectrum of pharmaceuticals to be covered. It allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to increase access to Cub Care.

Part RR proposed to create the Peer Support Program for Displaced Workers as a pilot program within the Department of Labor to provide advocacy and information to employees affected by significant layoffs. Under the pilot program, the department would initiate a peer support project and hire peer support workers when layoffs of 100 or more employees occur or when 50 or more employees are laid off and a project is warranted by the nature of the workforce or the community.

Part SS proposed General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations to increase wages of direct care workers employed by community mental retardation services providers.

Part TT is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed appropriations from the General Fund for several state departments and agencies.

Part UU is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to designate the Raymond H. Fogler Library as the State Research Library for Business, Science and Technology and provides appropriations for additional resources, equipment and staff.

Part VV is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to authorize the University of Maine System to issue up to \$25,000,000 to support capital improvements related to research and development and provides appropriations for additional debt service costs.

Part WW proposed to transfer certain positions within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Part XX proposed to require executive branch agencies to purchase information services and equipment in excess of \$250,000 through the Bureau of Information Services. It also restricted the provision of information technology services to

the Bureau of Information Services. It also required the Director of the Bureau of Information Services to provide a comprehensive technology plan for the executive branch to the Legislature by July 1, 2000.

Part YY proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

Part ZZ proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Transportation for capital projects as a way to avoid Highway Fund debt. It also authorized the Transportation Funding Reserve to be funded from certain fiscal year 1998-99 lapsed balances for the same purpose.

Part AAA is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to establish the Maine Technology Institute.

Part BBB is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to require that the Maine Science and Technology Foundation periodically develop and submit a comprehensive research and development evaluation of state investments in research and development.

Part CCC is part of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development. It proposed to transfer responsibility for administering the Maine Technology Investment Fund from the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to the Maine Technology Institute.

Part DDD proposed to repeal the requirement that the Department of Transportation make expenditures, not to exceed \$80,000 per year, to maintain the Baxter State Park road, effective October 1, 2000.

Part EEE proposed to establish a reserve from available balances in the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 1998-99. The reserve will set aside funds to offset the cost of eliminating the practice of accruing revenue from the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax and the requirement that 1/2 of the estimated tax be prepaid. The State Tax Assessor is required to report on the status of the reserve and to submit any implementing legislation necessary.

Part FFF proposed to add 4 more legislative members to the Substance Abuse Services Commission. There remains at least one Senator appointed to the commission, and the remaining 5 members of the Legislature may come from either body and must be appointed by the respective leaders of that body. Also, 2 members must sit on the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. This Part also added a requirement to the duties of the commission, which is to report annually to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Part GGG proposed to increase the cap of the Maine Rainy Day Fund for fiscal year 1998-99 only, effective June 30, 1999.

Part HHH proposed to clarify that the Office of the Treasurer of State may invest in the debt instruments of various agencies of the United States Government.

Part III proposed funding for a Principal Health Care Specialist position to assist hospitals and nonhospital health care providers with the submittal of their outpatient and ambulatory services data and to utilize the data and develop analytical reports for distribution to the public.

Part JJJ proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Education to assume and exercise authority of the school board of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf in certain emergency situations.

It also proposed to allow the school to carry unexpended General Fund balances not to exceed \$100,000 to June 30, 2000.

Part KKK proposed to expand the elderly low-cost drug program by increasing base income eligibility to 185% of the federal poverty line and expanded the number of drugs eligible under this program by creating a supplemental component of the program.

This Part also proposed to require the Department of Human Services to apply to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for a waiver authorizing the department to provide Medicaid prescription drug benefits to qualified persons with household incomes up to 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line.

It proposed a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 and an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for these purposes in fiscal year 2000-01.

Part LLL proposed to allocate from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for home visiting services, allows voluntary donations on a sliding scale by families upon termination of services to those families and provided appropriations and allocations to fund home visiting services.

Part MMM proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to adopt rules related to the provision of child care services. It provided a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 and Other Special Revenue allocations in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support child care programs.

Part NNN proposed to double the income tax credit for employer-assisted day care and credits for individuals for day care if expenses were incurred by using quality child care. It also established a quality child care investment credit. General Fund revenue that would decrease as a result of these tax credits will be offset through transfers from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

Part OOO proposed to establish the Early Care and Education Revolving Loan Program. The program is open to nonprofit or governmental economic development corporations or entities capable of providing financial assistance to businesses providing early care and education. It also created the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund to be used to provide scholarships for Maine residents enrolled in early childhood education or child development courses at institutions of higher education and Proposed a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 to the fund to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine in overseeing the awarding of scholarships.

It also proposed that funds in the Early Care and Education Revolving Loan Program Fund may be used to make loans of up to \$5,000 to perform lead abatement.

It proposed to expand the Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine by allowing funds to be used for loans to quality child care projects. The Finance Authority of Maine must reserve \$300,000 for loans to quality child care projects. Loans can be made to quality child care projects directly by the authority or by participating corporations. Quality child care projects will not be required to provide matching loan funds. Loans may not bear a rate of interest that when added to the commitment fee and administrative and technical costs is less than 6% or exceeds the prime rate of interest.

Part PPP proposed to authorize the Snowmobile Trail Fund within the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to be used to provide grants to snowmobile clubs, municipalities and counties for the acquisition of snowmobile trail maintenance equipment. It also provided a one-time General Fund appropriation for this purpose.

Part QQQ proposed to increase the personal exemption under Maine individual income tax law to \$2,850 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000 and eliminated the indexing of the personal exemption.

Part RRR proposed a state income tax credit equal to the federal income tax credit for rehabilitation of certified historic structures. The credit is limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer, is nonrefundable and is subject to the same recapture provisions as apply under federal law.

Part SSS proposed General Fund appropriations of \$669,209 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$1,338,417 in fiscal year 2000-01, for the Department of Human Services to increase the reimbursement rates of consumer-directed personal care attendants.

It proposed to require a review of rates of reimbursement for consumer-directed personal care attendant services every 2 years beginning January 1, 2002. When the Commissioner of Human Services determined that an increase in one or more

of the reimbursement rates is necessary after the review, the commissioner shall adopt routine technical rules to accomplish the increase.

It proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules by October 1, 2000 to increase the reimbursement rates of consumer-directed personal care attendants. It also enacted a mechanism to ensure a review of the reimbursement rates every 2 years and required input from consumers and the Long-term care Steering Committee as part of the review process.

Part TTT proposed a one-time \$33,940 General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1999-00 and a \$33,940 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in fiscal year 2000-01 to support the Donated Dental Services program. This program provided free dental services to financially challenged individuals.

It also proposed a \$1,500,000 allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support the Head Start Program.

House Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-732) proposed some technical corrections to the committee amendment. It also proposed other changes to comply with the committee's intent.

Specifically the amendment proposed to:

1. Clarify transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund;
2. Correct a program name of the University of Maine;
3. Correct a reference to the John F. Murphy Homes;
4. Clarify how unobligated balances from General Purpose Aid will carry forward;
5. Establish a permanent 6% cap on the Maine Rainy Day Fund rather than a temporary 6% cap;
6. Clarify how unobligated balances from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf program will carry forward;
7. Clarify the effective date for the increase in the personal exemption;
8. Correct a date reference for the personal care attendants; and
9. Adjust appropriations to provide enhanced workplace skills for juveniles.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 401

Part	Section	Description/Issue
A	A-1	Supplemental General Fund Appropriations
	A-2	Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations
	A-3	Supplemental Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations
	A-4	Supplemental Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations
	A-5	Supplemental Office of Information Services Fund Allocations
	A-6	Supplemental Risk Management Fund Allocations
	A-7	Supplemental Workers Compensation Management Fund Allocations
	A-8	Supplemental Real Property Lease Internal Service Fund Allocation
	A-9	Supplemental Island Ferry Services Fund Allocations
	A-10	Supplemental Highway Fund Allocations
B	B-1	General Fund Appropriations for Reclassifications

	B-2	Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-3	Other Special Revenue Funds Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-4	Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-5	Central Motor Pool Fund Allocation for Reclassifications
C	C-1	General Fund Deappropriations to Fund Part B Reclassifications
D	D-1	Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for capital construction, repairs and improvements for the Department of Corrections
E	E-1	Authorizes departments and agencies to place a surcharge on credit card or other electronic transactions to cover administrative expenses
	E-2	Authorizes unencumbered balances in certain accounts in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to carry forward each year
	E-3	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into a \$4,600,000 lease-purchase agreement to acquire vehicles for the Central Motor Pool
	E-4	Allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to retain proceeds from the sale of property at the Maine Youth Center
	E-5	Authorizes limited-period positions in the Bureau of the Budget
	E-6	Provides that March and May 1999 increases in revenue estimates do not require a transfer to the Maine Rainy Day Fund
	E-7	Provides that March and May 1999 increases in revenue estimates do not require a transfer to the Retirement Allowance Fund
	E-8	Carries forward up to \$1,100,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program
	E-9	Carries forward up to \$60,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Mandate Reimbursement program
	E-10	Carries forward up to \$1,800,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Maine Residents Property Tax Program
	E-11	Carries forward up to \$700,000 of unencumbered balance from FY 99 in the Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement program
	E-12	Transfers to the General Fund \$11,128,776 that resulted from the statutory reduction of the sales tax in fiscal year 1998-99
F	F-1:F-4	Continues the voluntary employee incentive programs (Note: Funds deappropriated in Part B of C. 16)

G	G-1	Renames Maine Advocacy Services to Disability Rights Center
H	H-1	Establishes the Rural Rehabilitation Operating Fund as a non-lapsing fund in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
	H-2	Clarifies that the honey bee licensing fee can be used to fund the cost of apiary inspection and licensing
	H-3	Clarifies that the fee for bees shipped or moved into the State can be used to fund the cost of apiary inspection and licensing
I	I-1	Amends the law to specify what funds must be deposited in the Shore and Harbor Management Fund
J	J-1	Provides that temporary positions created by financial order may not continue past the statutory adjournment date unless authorized by the Legislature
	J-2	Renames the Probation and Parole program in the Department of Corrections to the Adult Community Corrections program
	J-3:J-4	Renames the Maine Youth Center to the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility, effective March 1, 2001
	J-5:J-6	Renames the Northern Maine Regional Juvenile Detention Facility to the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility, effective June 1, 2001
	J-7	Authorizes the Department of Corrections, for the 2000-2001 biennium, to transfer by financial order funds for payment of overtime as well as labor market adjustments for M.Y.C. teachers
	J-8	Authorizes the Department of Education, for the 2000-2001 biennium, to transfer by financial order funds for market salary adjustments for teachers at Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
K	K-1:K-2	Changes supervision of funds for the Civil Air Patrol from the Dept. of Transportation to the Adjutant General
	K-3	Establishes the Loring Center for Excellence Operations and Maintenance Fund as a non-lapsing fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
L	L-1:L-2	Renames the Audit, Contract and Licensing Service Center in the Department of Human Services to the Community Services Center, increases its responsibilities and names the contracting unit the Division of Contracted Community Services
	L-3	Authorizes \$900,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to be transferred from the Foster Care program Federal Expenditures Fund to General Fund undedicated revenue

M	M-1	Provides that appropriations for search and rescue are not covered by Article IX, Section 22 of the Constitution of Maine
	M-2	Authorizes the transfer of \$10,000 in the Carrying Balances - IF&W program to the IF&W Special Revenue Promotional Account in fiscal year 1999-00
N	N-1	Authorizes the Judicial Department to continue 2 limited period positions created by financial order through December 31, 2000 and requires that the positions be funded within existing resources
O	O-1	Renames the Library Development Services program within the Maine State Library to the Maine State Library
P	P-1	Renames programs within the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services
	P-2	Authorizes certain limited period positions in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services
	P-3	Requires the DMH/MR/SAS to seek Medicaid reimbursement for cost settlements due the department from private nonmedical institutions; revenue deposited in Other Special Revenue; authority terminates 1/31/00; Dept. to report to Legislature by 1/14/00
	P-4	Provides that any FY 99 balance in the Mental Health Services - Community, Mental Retardation Services - Community and Mental Health Services - Children accounts are carried forward to 6/30/00 to be used for community development; report back by 1/14/00
	P-5	Permits transfer of positions from Augusta Mental Health Institute and Bangor Mental Health Institute to the Mental Health Services - Community program; authorizes the transfer of appropriations and allocations between several accounts available as AMHI and BMHI are reduced, including at least \$300,000 to fund a safe house for trauma victims in southern Maine; Dept. to report to Legislature by 1/14/00
Q	Q-1	Renames the Administration - Museum program within the Maine State Museum to the Maine State Museum
R	R-1:R-3	Increases the renter's benefit under the Maine Residents Property Tax Program from 15% to 18% of gross rent
S	S-1	Increases amount the Department of Human Services is authorized to spend for child support collection
	S-2:S-4	Makes changes in the TANF program, including a 5% increase in maximum amount of assistance and standard of need
T	T-1	Provides that federally qualified health centers are entitled to

		reimbursement for 100% of reasonable costs
U	U-1	Enacts the "Master Settlement Agreement" that Maine, together with 45 other states, 5 territories and the District of Columbia, entered into with participating national tobacco manufacturers (see LD 943)
	U-2	States legislative intent about the technical changes made to the Master Settlement Agreement in order to conform to Maine statutory conventions
	U-3	Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support one Research Assistant position in the Department of the Attorney General to enforce escrow payments required by nonparticipating manufacturers
V	V-1	Establishes the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the purposes for which it can be used, restrictions of the fund under certain circumstances and limitations on the General Fund. It also establishes the Trust Fund for a Healthy Maine and how it is to be invested
	V-2	Requires Treasurer of State to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; authorizes committee to report legislation
	V-3:V-4	Replaces appropriation for tobacco prevention and control with working capital advance
W	W-1	Permits State Bureau of Identification to charge fees for its services to governmental organizations
X	X-1; X-3:X-5	Reduces general sales tax to 5% on July 1, 2000
	X-2; X-5	Repeals sales tax reduction trigger retroactive to May 15, 1999
Y	Y-1:Y-2	Provides Federal Expenditure Funds allocations and positions for adoption assistance; DHS to report by Nov. 30th each year to the Legislature concerning the number of adoptions completed, etc.
Z	Z-1	Authorizes transfers from Maine Rainy Day Fund for disaster assistance and land purchases by Bureau of Parks and Lands
AA	AA-1:AA-2	Requires Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to develop plan to reduce the agency's reliance on the General Fund
BB	BB-1	Changes certain duties of the Atlantic Salmon Authority to the Atlantic Salmon Board
	BB-2; BB-4	Clarifies definition of "Atlantic salmon"
	BB-5	Clarifies definition of "landlocked salmon"

	BB-3; BB-6:BB-19	Changes certain duties of the Atlantic Salmon Authority to the Atlantic Salmon Commission
	BB-20:BB-21	Establishes transition and revision provisions
	BB-22	Provides General Fund appropriations to the Atlantic Salmon Commission
CC	CC-1	Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$600,000 for renovations at York District Court
	CC-2	Requires the Judicial Department to absorb the costs of the newly-authorized MGFA debt service within its existing budget for the 2000-2001 biennium
DD	DD-1	Provides a General Fund appropriation for the construction costs for the Northern Maine Health Initiative at the University of Maine at Fort Kent
EE	EE-1	Provides a General Fund appropriation for the construction or reconstruction costs for the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service
FF	FF-1	Provides General Fund appropriations for various programs of the Legislature
GG	GG-1	Establishes a "hold harmless" provision so that no school unit receives less school subsidy in FY 00 than it would have received in FY 99 or under the "Part I" funding amount.
	GG-2	Sets the program cost percentage reduction for FY 00 and establishes target percentage reductions for FY 01, FY 02 and FY 03
	GG-3:GG-4	Requires the General Fund appropriations for school subsidy to be appropriated in 3 separate categories within the General Purpose Aid program, foundation costs, debt service and adjustments and miscellaneous costs and allows funds within the 3 categories to be transferred among the categories
	GG-5	Repeals the cost-of-living factor
	GG-6	Establishes the per pupil guarantee for FY 00 and sets targeted per pupil guarantees for FY 01, FY 02 and FY 03
	GG-7	Establishes the statewide local share mill rate at 6.67 mills
	GG-8	Changes the method for counting pupils to address the issue of decreasing pupil counts without a corresponding decrease of costs
	GG-9	Freezes the local median household income factor at the FY 98 level until final year 2000 census figures are established

	GG-10	Repeals the FY 00 GPA rates, guarantees, statewide factor, allocations, etc. established in PL 1999, C. 16 (the "Part 1" budget)
	GG-11:GG-12	Directs the State Board of Education to determine the school funding data and school-level reporting data needed to monitor the implementation of the essential programs and services model
	GG-13	Requires the State Board of Education to research local school and practices in other states and make recommendations to improve the State's system of school funding
	GG-14:GG-27	Establishes the basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates, per pupil guarantee, statewide factor and the basic allocation and appropriation levels for fiscal year 1999-00
	GG-28	Allows the Commissioner to distribute school subsidy in such a way that school units receive the total subsidy provided in the Part I and Part II budgets by the end of fiscal year 1999-00
	GG-29	Allows any funds raised locally to be credited as the local share of the foundation allocation or debt service allocation
	G-30	Provides additional General Fund appropriations for school subsidy, the hardship cushion and to determine data collection needs and conduct research
HH	HH-1	Provides miscellaneous General Fund appropriations
	HH-2	Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the Office of Substance Abuse
	HH-3	Provides a Federal Block Grant Fund allocation for additional disaster recovery funds received due to the January 1998 ice storm
II	II-1	Amends current law to establish a Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System
	II-2	Appropriates funds for expansion of Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and development of land in Caribou for a veteran's cemetery
JJ	JJ-1:JJ-6	Provides for an adjustment in state subsidy for students placed in approved transitional language programs (i.e., English as 2nd language)
KK	KK-1:KK-3	Provides that schools with at least 30% of the students participating in free or reduced price meals may qualify for one-time grants of up to \$3,000 to establish school breakfast programs
LL	LL-1:LL-2	Establishes and funds Maine Communities in the New Century Program

MM	MM-1:MM-5	Provides for oral health services for low-income residents with emphasis on undeserved areas, funded in FY 01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine
NN	NN-1: NN-4	Establishes the Maine Dental Education Loan Program, funded in FY 01 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine
OO	OO-1	Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the Maine Area Health Education Centers System
PP	PP-1	Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for grants to community based agencies for family planning and pregnancy prevention services
QQ	QQ-1	Expands eligibility for Cub Care to 200% of the nonfarm income official poverty line
	QQ-2	Establishes the Cub Care drug rebate program
	QQ-3:QQ-4	Provides funds for expansion of Cub Care, beginning in FY 01 with an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine
	QQ-5	Provides for a contingent effective date for the Part
RR	RR-1:RR-5	Requires the Department of Labor to establish the Peer Support Program for Displaced Workers as a pilot program; funded in FY00 with a General Fund appropriation
SS	SS-1:SS-4	Provides funds for retention of qualified direct-care workers employed by community mental retardation services providers
TT	TT-1	Provides various General Fund appropriations for a portion of the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development
UU	UU-1: UU-2	Designates and funds the State Research Library for Business, Science & Technology (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development)
VV	VV-1	Directs the University of Maine to issue up to \$25,000,000 in bonds to support research and development capital improvements in the University of Maine System (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development)
	VV-2	Provides a General Fund appropriation for the 1st year's debt service payment on Research and Development bonds
WW	WW-1:WW-2	Transfers General Fund and Other Special Revenue funds positions within the Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
XX	XX-1:XX-2	Clarifies the role of the Director of the Bureau of Information Services

		concerning the coordination of purchasing information services & equipment
	XX-3	Requires the BIS Director to report to the Legislature with a comprehensive technology plan for the executive branch by July 1, 2000.
YY	YY-1	Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics
ZZ	ZZ-1	Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation for Highway & Bridge capital improvements so as to avoid debt issuance
	ZZ-2:ZZ-4	Establishes a Transportation Funding Reserve, which will receive certain lapsed balances at the end of FY 99; also requires a report to the Legislature concerning the reserve by 12/15/99
AAA	AAA-1:AAA-7	Establishes the Maine Technology Institute (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development)
BBB	BBB-1:BBB-2	Requires the Maine Science & Technology Foundation to submit a comprehensive evaluation of state investments in R & D (recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development)
CCC	CCC-1:CCC-3	Renames the Maine Technology Investment Fund as the Maine Technology Capacity Fund and restructures its functions
DDD	DDD-1:DDD-2	Repeals the requirement that the Department of Transportation spend up to \$80,000 to maintain the Baxter State Park road
EEE	EEE-1:EEE3	Establishes the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax Reserve to eliminate certain practices regarding the Telecommunications Personal Property Tax
FFF	FFF-1:FFF3	Changes the membership of the Substance Abuse Services regarding needs related to drug abuse prevention
GGG	GGG-1:GGG-2	Increases the cap on the Maine Rainy Day Fund to 6%
HHH	HHH-1	Clarifies the authority of the Treasurer of State to invest in the debt instruments of agencies of the United States
III	III-1	Allocates Other Special Revenue funds to assist hospitals and other providers in submitting data to analyze the data and prepare reports
JJJ	JJJ-1	Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to assume control of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf if an emergency exists that threatens the health, safety or welfare of students or there is a substantial and persistent violation of federal and state law

	JJJ-2	Carries forward \$100,000 to support improved management and operation of the Baxter School for the Deaf
KKK	KKK-1;KKK-4: KKK-5	Expands eligibility, coverage and drugs under the elderly low-cost drug program
	KKK-2;KKK-3	Requires Department of Human Services to seek Medicaid waiver to provide Medicaid prescription drug benefits to qualified elderly and disabled adults and clarifies sources of funding to implement the waiver
	KKK-6	Requires Department of Human Services to report its progress in obtaining the waiver to the Legislature by 10/1/99
	KKK-7	Appropriates funds for expanded eligibility for fiscal year 1999-00 only
	KKK-8	Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for expanded eligibility for fiscal year 2000-01
	KKK-9	Provides matching federal allocations for the expanded eligibility
	KKK-10	Provides a contingent effective date
LLL	LLL-1	Requires DHS to expand home visiting services to the parents of all newborn children in the State who desire the services, effective 7/1/00, provided there are sufficient funds available
	LLL-2	Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in FY 01
MMM	MMM-1	Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to provide after school care to students 12 to 15 years of age and allow the provision of full-day, year-round Head Start programming
	MMM-2:MMM-3	Provides a General Fund appropriation in FY 00 and an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in FY 01 to fund various child care services
NNN	NNN-1:NNN-9	Expands tax incentives for quality child care
OOO	OOO-1:OOO-4	Provides for loans for quality child care projects through the Early Care and Education Revolving Loan Program
	OOO-5:OOO-6	Establishes the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund
	OOO-7	Provides a General Fund appropriation in FY 00 for the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund
PPP	PPP-1	Authorizes the Department of Conservation to provide grants to snowmobile clubs, municipalities and counties for the acquisition of snowmobile trail maintenance equipment

	PPP-2	Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in FY 00 to the Snowmobile Trail Fund for trail maintenance equipment
QQQ	QQQ-1	Increases the personal exemption under the Maine individual income tax law to \$2,850 beginning on or after 1/1/00 and eliminates the indexing of the personal exemption.
RRR	RRR-1:RRR-3	Provides a state income tax credit equal to the federal income tax credit for the rehabilitation of certified historic structures
SSS	SSS-1:SSS-2	Requires a biennial review and rulemaking related to the rates of reimbursement for consumer-directed personal care attendants
	SSS-3:SSS-4	Provides General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations for personal care attendants
TTT	TTT-1	Provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in FY 00 for the Donated Dental Services program
	TTT-2	Provides an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine in FY 01 for the Donated Dental Services program and for additional Head Start activities
UUU	UUU-1	Adjusts appropriations in order to provide funds to deliver enhanced workplace skills for juveniles
	UUU-2	Authorizes funds in certain departments to carry to June 30, 2000

LD 618

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1999, June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001

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Part A proposed the budget preamble and current services appropriations and allocations of funds.

Part B proposed the following:

1. Proposed appropriations from the General Fund representing reduction proposals or adjustments;
2. Proposed allocations from Federal Expenditures to support the General Fund reduction proposals or adjustments; and