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MEMORANDUM

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

From: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Analyst

Date: August 8, 2001

Re: Bill Summaries, 120th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. The summary describes each bill 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 21, 2001. 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 the Second Regular Session
CON RES XXXC	hapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	
	ccepts 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.	
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	Bill Indefinitely Postponed Ought Not To Pass report accepted
<i>OTP ND</i>	
OTP ND/NT	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve Bill held by Governor
UNSIGNED	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

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.

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

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Best wishes for an enjoyable interim.

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LD 855

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, 2001, June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003 **PUBLIC 439**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BERRY R	OTP-AM MAJ	H-724
GOLDTHWAIT	OTP-AM MIN	H-740 BERRY R
		H-747 BERRY R
		S-367 GAGNON
		S-368 BENNETT

PART A proposed supplemental appropriations and allocations from various governmental, internal service and enterprise funds.

PART B proposed supplemental appropriations and allocations from various governmental funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C proposed to:

- 1. Amend the law as it relates to the definition of a corporation to ensure that all health maintenance organizations are equitably subjected to the corporate income tax;
- 2. Amend the law as it relates to the definition of compensation for payroll tax calculation on leased or temporary employees;
- 3. Authorize the State Budget Officer to distribute retiree health insurance costs to affected accounts as appropriation and allocation adjustments;
- 4. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease purchase agreements to purchase motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool;
- 5. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease purchase agreements to purchase hardware, software and systems in support of the operations of state government; and
- 6. Authorize the issuance of securities by the Maine Government Facilities Authority.

PART D proposed to:

- 1. Establish the Office of Victim Services in the Department of Corrections;
- 2. Authorize the Department of Corrections to transfer funds by financial order to pay overtime expenses and authorized labor market adjustments for teachers at the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility; and
- 3. Authorize the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions to perform duties for which unbudgeted overtime would otherwise be incurred.

PART E proposed to:

- 1. Amend the law to increase the meals and lodging tax from 7% to 7.5% effective October 1, 2001; and
- 2. Establish the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund in the Department of Economic and Community Development.

PART F proposed to authorize funds to be lapsed from the General Purpose Aid for Local School account to the General Fund.

PART G proposed to authorize funds to be transferred from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.

PART H proposed to amend the law to increase the application fee for a permit to take an antlerless deer from \$1 to \$5.

PART I proposed to:

- 1. Amend the law to create a deputy commissioner position in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; and
- 2. Authorize the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek reimbursement of expenditures under Medicaid Title XIX for targeted case management.

Committee amendment "A" (H-724)

PART A proposed supplemental appropriations and allocations.

PART B proposed supplemental appropriations and allocations from various governmental funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C proposed to:

- 1. Amend the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund law to clarify investment, audit and use of the fund; and
- 2. Authorize the State Budget Officer to distribute retiree health insurance costs to affected accounts as appropriation and allocation adjustments.

PART D proposed to:

- 1. Amend the law as it relates to the definition of "corporation" to ensure that all health maintenance organizations are equitably subjected to the corporate income tax; and
- 2. Amend the law as it relates to the definition of "compensation" for payroll tax calculation on leased or temporary employees.

PART E proposed to amend the law concerning positions to support the design and implementation of the new Budget Management System within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART F proposed to:

- 1. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease-purchase agreements to purchase motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool;
- 2. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease-purchase agreements to purchase hardware, software and systems in support of the operations of State Government; and
- 3. Authorize the issuance of securities by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

PART G proposed to establish the Office of Victim Services within the Department of Corrections and to authorize the transfer of funds by financial order to pay overtime and labor market adjustments for teachers at the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility. Part G also proposed to authorize the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions to avoid unbudgeted overtime. This Part proposed to rename the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility the "Long Creek Youth Development Center" and the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility the "Mountain View Youth Development Center." This Part also proposed to authorize the Department of Corrections to carry forward funds for overtime.

PART H proposed to remove the Federal and State Education Program Coordinator from the list of appointments by the Commissioner of Education. It also proposed to authorize funds to be lapsed from the general purpose aid for local schools account to the General Fund.

PART I proposed to establish the Land Management Fund within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This Part also proposed to authorize certain carrying balances within the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to lapse to the General Fund.

PART J proposed to amend the law to create a Deputy Commissioner position within the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

PART K proposed to authorize the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to transfer available balances of appropriations and allocations between line categories by financial order and authorize the extension of a limited-period position to June 30, 2002.

PART L proposed to change the presumptive abandonment period for property related to the demutualization or related reorganization of an insurance company to 2 years. It also proposed to allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to share certain information with the Treasurer of State. It also proposed to transfer additional amounts from the Abandoned Property Fund in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03.

PART M proposed to authorize the change of bargaining unit from Professional Technical to Supervisory Services for the Senior DNA Forensic Analyst position within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. This Part also proposed to authorize the Department of Human Services to fund position upgrades in the Drinking Water program and the Eating and Lodging program and the previously approved upgrade of one Planning and Research Associate position within existing budgeted resources.

PART N proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$5,500,000 for certain courthouse projects.

PART O proposed to eliminate the Office of State Historian program, deappropriate its current funding and provide funding for the Office of State Historian program within the Historic Preservation Commission program. It also proposed to eliminate the nonlapsing funds language.

PART P proposed to fund the Lewiston-Auburn College teachers for elementary and middle schools project through a delay in the Maine Patent Program and provide 2.5% increases in the base budgets for the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

PART P also proposed to authorize transfers from the General Fund Salary Plan to the Maine Technical College System for collective bargaining costs in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03.

PART Q proposed to continue an adjustment of headcount that was authorized in Public Law 2001, chapter 1; reflect the number of positions authorized by the Legislative Council to support the activities of the Legislature and the organization of the 120th Legislature; provide sufficient funds in the personal services line category to meet the needs of the current organizational structure of the Legislature; and provide for a line category transfer of funds to establish a position to replace desktop support currently provided by contract.

PART R proposed to fund a celebration of the State House renovations.

PART S proposed to provide additional guidance regarding the 2.5% increase of wages and benefits included in the reimbursement to agencies for mental health and mental retardation services.

PART T proposed to:

- 1. Contain recommendations of the Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, created by Resolve 1999, chapter 127, Part B. This Part takes the place of L.D. 271 and L.D. 293.
- 2. Create the Baxter Compensation Authority, which establishes the Baxter Compensation Program to pay compensation to the former students who were sexually or physically abused while attending the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or its predecessor, the Maine School for the Deaf. Claims for compensation would need to be submitted by March 31, 2006. All compensation would need to be paid out by July 1, 2007, when the program ceased to exist.

The compensation and costs of the program would be paid from the Baxter Compensation Authority Other Special Revenue Fund account. The amount of \$1,000,000 is proposed to be transferred from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund into the account on July 1, 2001. The amount of \$2,000,000 is proposed to be transferred from the Maine Rainy Day Fund into the account in fiscal year 2001-02. The amount of \$3,000,000 is proposed to be set aside in the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Compensation Fund within the Maine Rainy Day Fund to be made available by financial order to pay compensation to the victims and to pay administrative costs of the program.

Part U proposed to establish a Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund as an internal service fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the purpose of replacing the current radio and network system. This Part proposed to require the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to prepare a report to specified committees of the Legislature on all activities of the radio and network system. This Part also proposed to provide lease-purchase authorization for the acquisition of hardware and software for the radio and network system and provides funding for the financing costs.

Part V proposed to clarify the licensing responsibilities for new agency liquor stores and authorize the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to waive the spacing requirement for agency liquor stores in order to license a sufficient number of agency stores in municipalities to implement this Part.

Part W proposed to transfer \$150,000 to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02 from available balances in an account within the Department of the Attorney General designated for the legal expenses involved with the defense of the boundary dispute with New Hampshire. Part W also proposed to transfer \$2,550,000 from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Securities Division to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART X proposed to:

- 1. Repeal the child welfare services ombudsman, a position in the Executive Department that has not been funded in years.
- 2. Establish an ombudsman program within the Executive Department through contract with an independent nonprofit organization. Ombudsman services will be provided by one ombudsman and one support staff.
- 3. Provide that the duties of the ombudsman include serving the children and families with regard to child welfare services provided by the Department of Human Services.
- 4. Provide for penalties for persons who intentionally interfere with the performance of the ombudsman's duties and for persons who penalize or impose restrictions on a person who makes a complaint or inquiry to the ombudsman.
- 5. Require a report in January 2003 regarding combining other advocacy and ombudsman functions within the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Corrections and the Disability Rights Center.
- 6. Provide funding for 18 new caseworkers, 3 supervisors, one Division Director and 2 Program Administrator -Child Protective positions in child welfare services in the Department of Human Services, increases funding for travel and cellular phone time and provides funding for laptop computers.
- 7. Transfer \$4,043,531 from the Department of Human Services, Child Support Collections, Other Special Revenue account representing a portion of the State's share of child support collections earned but not transferred to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Other Special Revenue account and provides for a corresponding General Fund deappropriation due to the availability of one-time funds from child support collections.

PART Y proposed to provide funds for the Department of Human Services for the completion of Phase I and for Phase II and Phase III of the Claims Management System.

PART Z proposed to establish the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board within the Department of the Attorney General. It also proposed to appropriate funds for the sexual assault forensic examiner program and for the new violence against women initiative in the Department of Public Safety.

PART AA proposed to authorize a tax anticipation note of up to \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001-02 and provides a General Fund appropriation to cover the debt service costs associated with that note.

PART BB proposed to amend Public Law 1999, chapter 731 to provide that funds of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission do not lapse but must be carried forward until June 30, 2002.

PART CC proposed to allocate funds on a one-time basis from the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund for a low-flow study to be conducted by the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board.

PART DD proposed to provide a 5% increase in the maximum level of assistance in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program effective October 1, 2001.

PART DD also proposed to include offsetting allocations and deallocations of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to reflect the requirement that the Department of Human Services use unexpended TANF block grant funds to support a portion of the 5% increase in the maximum level of assistance.

PART EE proposed to deallocate funds to the Public Advocate within the Executive Department in order to limit growth within the Office of the Public Advocate.

PART FF proposed to set up a priority of transfers from unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2000-01.

PART GG proposed to authorize the issuance of complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to resident active military personnel.

PART HH proposed to:

- 1. Establish a summer "fill" program to provide low-income households that are eligible for fuel assistance through the Low-income Home Energy Assistance program, LIHEAP, with an initial supply of fuel and authorizes a \$10,000,000 working capital advance from the General Fund beginning in fiscal year 2002-03.
- 2. Require the Maine State Housing Authority to study fixed-price home heating fuel contracts for fuel assistance recipients.
- 3. Require the Maine State Housing Authority to identify the most effective way to provide adequate funding of the anticipated 25% nonfederal share of the weatherization program.
- 4. Require the Maine State Housing Authority to investigate the possibility of establishing a separate Office of Energy Conservation within the Maine State Housing Authority.
- 5. Require the Maine State Housing Authority to annually investigate the possibility of increasing the percentage of LIHEAP funds for weatherization services.
- 6. Require the State Planning Office to conduct a study to determine whether the State can reduce its per capita residential energy consumption by 25% by 2011.

PART II proposed to expand the eligibility for the elderly low-cost drug program by adding over-the-counter medications that are prescribed by a health care provider and approved as cost-effective by the Department of Human Services as a basic component of the elderly low-cost drug program. This Part also proposed to establish income eligibility for the elderly low-cost drug program at 185% of the federal nonfarm income poverty line as adjusted to match the annual cost-of-living increases in social security retirement benefits.

PART JJ proposed to exempt from use tax merchandise that is donated to an exempt organization.

PART KK proposed to appropriate funds to support outreach activities at the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery.

PART LL proposed to provide an income tax deduction for compensation paid to victims of the Holocaust and their survivors.

PART MM proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules that take effect on January 1, 2002 to increase the amount of reimbursement under the Medicaid program for occupational and physical therapy, speech and language pathologist and audiologist services to 50% of the usual and customary charge.

PART NN proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Education for the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition, the department's training and technical assistance arm on mandated transition issues. The funds will be used to ensure that all youth, parents, school districts and agencies dealing with transition in this State have access to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition's services including information disseminating, training, capacity building for systems change, youth leadership and advocacy.

PART OO proposed to direct the Department of Conservation to work with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to modify the federal coastal engineering structure at Camp Ellis in Saco. It also proposed to direct the department to develop a beach nourishment policy for the State.

PART PP proposed to increase the percentage transferred to the Local Government Fund from 5.1% to 5.2% for 6 months beginning January 1, 2003.

PART QQ proposed to increase the contribution for health insurance for retired teacher members from 30% to 35% beginning July 1, 2002. In addition, the amendment proposed to indicate that eligible retired teachers must have 5 years of creditable service to be eligible for the state contribution to the health insurance benefit.

PART RR proposed to reinstate emergency assistance for veterans.

PART SS proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 to the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to be used as the state match requirement for the Maine Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, a federal and state partnership that builds research infrastructure in states. This amendment also proposed to establish the Maine EPSCoR Capacity Fund to be used to match successful EPSCoR awards.

PART TT proposed to provide one-time funds to encourage private donations to the Maine Maritime Academy's Small Vessel Endowment Fund and require the Academy to raise private contributions on a 2-for-1 basis to supplement the appropriation.

PART UU proposed to direct the Department of Human Services to grant Medicaid eligibility to women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer under the State's early detection program.

PART VV proposed to designate as public assistance aid provided to veterans and their dependents pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B and require that the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management retain administrative responsibility for this aid.

PART VV also proposed to provide funding for support staff positions in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services regional field offices.

PART WW proposed to implement certain recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, chapter 35. The purpose of implementing this Part is to attract the most highly qualified candidates to the bench by improving the retirement benefits provided to the State's judiciary. Implementation of this Part will increase the maximum benefit from 60% to 70% of average final compensation for judges appointed on or after December 1, 1984. PART XX proposed to provide funds to allow Maine to continue its membership in the Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship.

PART YY proposed to permit foster parents to purchase group health insurance through the state employee health insurance plan.

PART ZZ proposed to appropriate ongoing funds to establish 4 new Jobs for Maine's Graduates' sites for the biennium.

PART AAA proposed to provide funds for the High Hopes Clubhouse to allow for the continuation of its Waterville operations.

PART BBB proposed to provide funds for the State's share of the budget to operate the Northeast Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Pricing.

PART CCC proposed to establish the Community Health Access Program within the Department of Human Services and provides for one Social Services Program Manager position to administer the program, effective July 1, 2002.

PART DDD proposed to specify the manner of calculation of rate of return for nonprofit nursing facilities beginning February 1, 2002, contingent on approval of Medicaid funding at the federal level.

PART EEE proposed to implement the recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission regarding per diem compensation.

PART FFF proposed to provide funds to improve the services of the Saco River Corridor Commission.

PART GGG proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Department of Education to grant funds to certain teachers seeking certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. These funds are appropriated as a state match with federal and University of Maine System funds. This appropriation is intended to provide reimbursement for only those teachers that become certified. Individual grants issued by the Maine Leadership Consortium may not exceed \$2,300 per teacher.

PART HHH proposed to provide funds from the Fund for a Health Maine to continue the Donated Dental Services program.

PART III proposed to appropriate funds to the Maine Technical College System for the programs and operation of the Bath Higher Education Center.

PART JJJ proposed to exempt certain organizations from the meals and lodging tax.

PART KKK proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Labor for Catholic Charities Maine to support a portion of the cost of 2 additional Teacher of Blind and Visually Impaired Children positions and related costs.

PART LLL proposed to clarify the duties of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services regarding reporting the need for children's crisis services and allocates those duties to the Maine Revised Statutes. PART MMM proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$67,000 annually in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for the Department of Labor to support a portion of the cost of one new Computer Access Specialist position to provide computer access services through the Iris Network to blind consumers regardless of age or location in the State.

PART NNN proposed to provide General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Department of Labor to increase statewide education, training and employment and self-employment services for displaced homemakers. The appropriation would provide for increased staff to provide service delivery in Washington and Waldo counties beginning in fiscal year 2002-03.

PART OOO proposed to provide funds for the Finance Authority of Maine to undertake a study of methods of relieving the shortage of dentists in Maine, including the feasibility of establishing an accredited dental residency program.

PART PPP proposed to amend the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 and sentencing provisions for sex offenders.

PART QQQ proposed to establish a sales tax exemption for certain incorporated, nonprofit memorial foundations.

PART RRR proposed to authorize the Department of Human Services to establish a prescription drug reimportation program contingent upon approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services and upon cost savings to be realized by Maine citizens as a result of the operation of this program.

PART SSS proposed to provide for the reimbursement to optometrists for services provided to persons whose care is paid for in part by the Medicaid program and in part by the Medicare program.

PART TTT proposed to establish the Education Funding Reform Committee to make recommendations to the Legislature that reduce the State's reliance on the property tax as the primary source of funding for elementary and secondary education and to identify other funding sources that ensure equal educational opportunity, provide a more equitable balance among funding sources and provide property tax relief to encourage businesses to expand and locate to the State and to entice more people to live in the State. The committee is required to make recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2001. The Legislature may accept or reject the committee's recommendations or submit the committee's recommendations to the voters at a public referendum at the time of the general election in November 2002. It also provides a General Fund appropriation for the Legislature to support the costs of the commission.

PART UUU proposed to provide additional funds for the Reading Recovery Program.

PART VVV proposed to retroactively amend an appropriation for a school breakfast incentive grant program included in a 1999 supplemental budget to allow unexpended balances in that account to carry forward from year to year to be used for school breakfast incentive grants. Without this retroactive amendment, those unexpended balances would lapse to the General Fund. This part also proposed changes to the standard determining which schools are eligible to participate in the program to that standard originally proposed.

PART WWW proposed to appropriate funds for the Capital Riverfront Improvement District.

PART XXX proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation for the Department of Corrections to support the Building Alternatives Program at the Maine Youth Center in fiscal year 2002-03. It also proposed to require the Department of Corrections to report on a plan to establish a building alternatives program at the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility.

PART YYY proposed to establish the Community Forestry Fund, provides a one-time appropriation to the fund in fiscal year 2001-02 and necessary allocations and ensures continuing revenues for the fund by dedicating to the fund 2.5% of the General Fund portion of real estate transfer tax revenue up to \$200,000 annually. The portion of real estate transfer tax revenue dedicated to the fund is reduced by the amount of federal funds received for community forestry. In fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03, it is estimated that federal funds will exceed \$200,000 annually, so that no real estate transfer tax funds will be required.

PART ZZZ proposed to appropriate funds for the continuance of the state meat inspection program.

PART AAAA proposed to establish the Health Care System and Health Security Board. The board is composed of 19 members. The board is charged with developing a plan to provide health care coverage to all citizens of this State in a manner that emphasizes 24 hour coverage, quality, cost containment, choice of provider and access to comprehensive and long-term care. The board is required to conduct a feasibility study of economic impacts of the plan on individuals and businesses of payment options and to develop proposals for implementation of a plan for universal coverage and access. The board is authorized to contract with a health policy organization for staffing assistance and to accept public and private funding. The board is authorized to introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

PART BBBB proposed to establish the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund to support the research and development efforts of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation.

PART CCCC proposed to provide funds for a low-barrier homeless teen shelter located in Rockland to serve youth in Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties of Region 2.

PART DDDD proposed to provide additional funding for the geographic isolation adjustment within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program.

PART EEEE proposed to change the name of the Maine Communities in the New Century Program to the New Century Community Program and provide funding to enhance the preservation and advancement of local cultural resources, promote literacy and access to lifelong learning among children and adults and expand opportunities for cultural tourism.

PART FFFF proposed to authorize implementation of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency System, authorizes a one-year increase in the statewide E-1-1 surcharge and provide additional allocations necessary to implement the program.

PART GGGG proposed to provide funds to include podiatrists in the group of health care providers who are exempt from reimbursement reductions with respect to its liability for Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance charges.

PART HHHH proposed to remove certain law enforcement officers in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources from the 1998 Special Plan and provide those certain positions with a retirement plan that offers full retirement benefits after 25 years of service with no minimum age requirement. This plan change is to be funded through year-end transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund. The effective date of the plan change is dependent upon the balance of the Retirement Allowance Fund and the further action of the Legislature to direct payment of the full actuarial cost of the retirement system.

PART IIII proposed to include a one-time General Fund appropriation to fund a matching grant program that establishes education and training programs for eligible health care businesses and organizations that provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds and meet eligibility criteria established by rules of the Maine Technical College System.

PART JJJJ proposed to appropriate funding for the Maine State Library to purchase on-line reference materials.

PART KKKK proposed to make the following General Fund appropriations: ongoing appropriations of \$50,000 each in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for operating costs at the Katahdin Area K-Tech Center; an ongoing appropriation of \$60,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the Maine Technical College System for Western Maine University and Technical College Center operations; a one-time appropriation of \$120,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 to the University of Maine System for architectural work at the Western Maine University and Technical College Center; and an ongoing appropriation of \$90,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to the University of Maine System for Western for Western Maine University and Technical College Center operations.

PART LLLL proposed to establish a grant fund in the Department of Conservation to assist foresters with the costs of obtaining certain certifications. This Part also proposed to provide appropriations and allocations necessary to administer this program.

PART MMMM proposed to establish and fund the Maine Port Terminal Facilities Marketing Program.

PART NNNN proposed to require the Commissioner of Education to pay as a supplement to the regular student tuition for unorganized territory students attending school in School Administrative District No. 58 a debt service factor to help fund school construction costs of the school district.

PART OOOO proposed to establish a state purchasing code of conduct for suppliers of apparel, footwear or textiles and provide the Division of Purchases the General Fund appropriations necessary to administer the new provisions.

PART PPPP proposed to raise the debt service limit for school facilities bonds for fiscal year 2005-06 and fiscal year 2006-07.

PART QQQQ proposed to create the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, which is composed primarily of youth and student members, to provide advice to the Legislature on matters relating to youth and appropriates funds for the council.

PART RRRR proposed to establish the Maine Computer Crimes Task Force and appropriates funds to administer the task force.

PART SSSS proposed to authorize the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to accept land for a veterans' cemetery in southern Maine. Land accepted by the department must meet all the requirements provided in state laws and rules.

PART TTTT proposed to amend the penalties for late filing of accelerated campaign reporting under the Maine Clean Election Act. It also proposed to provide additional appropriations for increased costs of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for one additional General Counsel position.

PART UUUU proposed to increase the cigarette tax from 74 cents to 94 cents per pack effective September 1, 2001 and reduce the amount of the increase that licensed distributors retain.

PART VVVV proposed to increase the sales tax on prepared food from 5% to 7% and amend the definition of prepared food effective August 1, 2001.

PART WWWW proposed to establish the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development and dedicate a portion of meals and lodging tax collections to this fund to fund the Office of Tourism program effective July 1, 2003.

PART XXXX proposed to provide funds for sexual assault and domestic violence intervention and prevention.

PART YYYY proposed to authorize the expenditure of funding among pharmaceutical benefits programs administered by the Department of Human Services.

PART ZZZZ proposed to authorize certain balances to carry forward and makes adjustments to appropriations to reflect the estimated balances that will be carried forward. It also proposed to provide funding for the State House renovation shortfall, legislative studies, the civil rights team project and the Maine Biomedical Research Fund. It also recognized savings in the Department of Economic and Community Development and utilizes some of the TANF reserve funds within the Department of Human Services.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-725)

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PART G proposed to establish the Office of Victim Services within the Department of Corrections and authorizes the transfer of funds by financial order to pay overtime and labor market adjustments for teachers at the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility. Part G also authorizes the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions to avoid unbudgeted overtime. This Part proposed to rename the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility the "Long Creek Youth Development Center" and the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility the "Mountain View Youth Development Center." This Part also proposed to authorize the Department of Corrections to carry forward funds for overtime.

PART H proposed to remove the Federal and State Education Program Coordinator from the list of appointments by the Commissioner of Education. It also proposed to authorize funds to be lapsed from the general purpose aid for local schools account to the General Fund.

PART I proposed to establish the Land Management Fund within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This Part also proposed to authorize certain carrying balances within the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to lapse to the General Fund.

PART J proposed to amend the law to create a Deputy Commissioner position within the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

PART K proposed to authorize the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to transfer available balances of appropriations and allocations between line categories by financial order and extend a limited-period position to June 30, 2002.

PART L proposed to change the presumptive abandonment period for property related to the demutualization or related reorganization of an insurance company to 2 years. It also proposed to allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to share certain information with the Treasurer of State. It also proposed to transfer additional amounts from the Abandoned Property Fund in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03.

PART M proposed to authorize the change of bargaining unit from Professional Technical to Supervisory Services for the Senior DNA Forensic Analyst position within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. This Part also proposed to authorize the Department of Human Services to fund position upgrades in the Drinking Water program and the Eating and Lodging program and the previously approved upgrade of one Planning and Research Associate position within existing budgeted resources.

PART N proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$5,500,000 for certain courthouse projects.

PART O proposed to eliminate the Office of State Historian program, deappropriate its current funding and provide funding for the Office of State Historian program within the Historic Preservation Commission program. It also proposed to eliminate the nonlapsing funds language.

PART P proposed to fund the Lewiston-Auburn College teachers for elementary and middle schools project through a delay in the Maine Patent Program and provide 2.5% increases in the base budgets for the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

PART P also proposed to authorize transfers from the General Fund Salary Plan to the Maine Technical College System for collective bargaining costs in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03.

PART Q proposed to continue an adjustment of headcount that was authorized in Public Law 2001, chapter 1; reflect the number of positions authorized by the Legislative Council to support the activities of the Legislature and the organization of the 120th Legislature; provide sufficient funds in the personal services line category to meet the needs of the current organizational structure of the Legislature; and provide for a line category transfer of funds to establish a position to replace desktop support currently provided by contract.

PART R proposed funding a celebration of the State House renovations.

PART S proposed to authorize funds to be transferred from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund and provide additional deallocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

PART T proposed to:

- 1. Contain recommendations of the Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, created by Resolve 1999, chapter 127, Part B. This Part takes the place of L.D. 271 and L.D. 293.
- 2. Create the Baxter Compensation Authority, which establishes the Baxter Compensation Program to pay compensation to the former students who were sexually or physically abused while attending the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or its predecessor, the Maine School for the Deaf. Claims for compensation must be filed by March 31, 2006. All compensation must be paid out by July 1, 2007, when the program ceases to exist.

The compensation and costs of the program would be paid from the Baxter Compensation Authority Other Special Revenue Fund account. The amount of \$1,000,000 would be transferred from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund into the account on July 1, 2001. The amount of \$2,000,000 would be transferred from the Maine Rainy Day Fund into the account in fiscal year 2001-02. The amount of \$3,000,000 would be set aside in the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Compensation Fund within the Maine Rainy Day Fund to be made available by financial order to pay compensation to the victims and to pay administrative costs of the program.

PART U proposed to establish a Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund as an internal service fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the purpose of replacing the current radio and network system. This Part would require the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to prepare a report to specified committees of the Legislature on all activities of the radio and network system. This Part also proposed to provide lease-purchase authorization for the acquisition of hardware and software for the radio and network system and provides funding for the financing costs.

PART V proposed to clarify that the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety is responsible for licensing agency liquor stores and authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to waive the spacing requirement for agency liquor stores in order to license a sufficient number of agency stores in municipalities to implement this Part.

PART W proposed to transfer \$150,000 to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02 from available balances in an account within the Department of the Attorney General designated for the legal expenses involved with the defense of the boundary dispute with New Hampshire to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. Part W also proposed to transfer \$2,550,000 from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Securities Division to the General Fund in fiscal year 2001-02.

PART X proposed to:

- 1. Repeal the child welfare services ombudsman, a position in the Executive Department that has not been funded in years.
- 2. Establish an ombudsman program within the Executive Department through contract with an independent nonprofit organization. Ombudsman services would be provided by one ombudsman and one support staff.
- 3. Provide that the duties of the ombudsman include serving the children and families with regard to child welfare services provided by the Department of Human Services.
- 4. Provide for penalties for persons who intentionally interfere with the performance of the ombudsman's duties and for persons who penalize or impose restrictions on a person who makes a complaint or inquiry to the ombudsman.
- 5. Require a report in January 2003 regarding combining other advocacy and ombudsman functions within the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Corrections and the Disability Rights Center.
- 6. Provide funding for 18 new caseworkers, 3 supervisors, one Division Director and 2 Program Administrator -Child Protective positions in child welfare services in the Department of Human Services, increase funding for travel and cellular phone time and provide funding for laptop computers.
- 7. Transfer \$4,043,531 from the Department of Human Services, Child Support Collections, Other Special Revenue account representing a portion of the State's share of child support collections earned but not transferred to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Other Special Revenue account and provide for a corresponding General Fund deappropriation due to the availability of one-time funds from child support collections.

PART Y proposed to provide funds for the Department of Human Services for the completion of Phase I and for Phase II and Phase III of the Claims Management System.

PART Z proposed to establish the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board within the Department of the Attorney General.

PART AA proposed to authorize a tax anticipation note of up to \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001-02 and provide a General Fund appropriation to cover the debt service costs associated with that note.

PART BB proposed to amend Public Law 1999, chapter 731 to provide that funds of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission do not lapse but must be carried forward until June 30, 2002.

PART CC proposed to allocate funds on a one-time basis from the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund for a low-flow study to be conducted by the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board.

PART DD proposed to provide for an across-the-board reduction of approximately 1% to General Fund accounts with some exception for fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03.

PART EE proposed to deallocate funds to the Public Advocate within the Executive Department in order to limit growth within the Office of the Public Advocate.

PART FF proposed to prioritize transfers from unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2000-01.

PART GG proposed to amend the law to provide for the closing of all state-operated liquor stores.

House Amendment "A "to Committee Amendment "A" (H-730)

This amendment proposed to direct the State Fire Marshal to negotiate a bulk purchase price for thermal imaging cameras to be purchased by local fire-fighting units and law enforcement agencies. The purchase may be furthered by means of a low-interest loan administered by the Commissioner of Public Safety from the Thermal Imaging Camera Fund. It also proposed to add appropriation and allocation sections to the amendment.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-736)

This amendment proposed to amend Committee Amendment "B" as follows:

- 1. Provide funds for sexual assault and domestic violence intervention and prevention.
- 2. Authorize the expenditure of funding among pharmaceutical benefits programs administered by the Department of Human Services.
- 3. Authorize certain balances to carry forward and make adjustments to appropriations to reflect the estimated balances that will be carried forward. It also proposed to recognize savings in the Department of Economic and Community Development and utilize some of the TANF reserve funds within the Department of Human Services.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-731)

This amendment proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules increasing the amount of income that may be retained by residents of nursing and residential care facilities.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-732)

This amendment proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules increasing the amount of income that may be retained by residents of nursing and residential care facilities. This amendment proposed to fund the increase by funds that would otherwise go to legislative cost-of-living salary adjustments.

House Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-733)

This amendment proposed to repeal the Maine Learning Technology Endowment and transfer the funds currently in the endowment to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

House Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-734)

This amendment proposed to deappropriate funding for fingerprinting and background checks. The amendment proposed to appropriate funds for one additional adult probation officer to work with individuals convicted of sexual abuse. It also proposed to appropriate funds to be distributed as grants to local mentoring programs and to appropriate funds for 7 human services caseworkers to work with child abuse cases.

House Amendment "F" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-735)

This amendment proposed to amend Committee Amendment "A" to specify that the 7% sales tax on prepared foods is imposed only on food sold in establishments licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 562.

House Amendment "G" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-737)

This amendment proposed to deappropriate funding for the maintenance and network management associated with the ATM distance learning network.

House Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-738)

This amendment proposed to provide additional funds for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools based on a 5% increase, including cushion, over funding provided for fiscal year 2001-02. This amendment proposed funding this increase by transferring funds from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment.

House Amendment "I" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-740)

This amendment proposed to make a correction to the designation of a fund. It also proposed to strike that part of Committee Amendment "A" that amends the penalties for late filing of accelerated campaign reporting under the Maine Clean Election Act and that provides additional appropriations for increased costs of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and Other Special Revenue funds allocations for one additional General Counsel position.

House Amendment "J" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-741)

PART AAAAA proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Labor for the continuation of the Maine Airs program through the Iris Network, formerly known as the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

PART BBBBB proposed to authorize the Chief of the State Police to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states concerning permits to carry concealed firearms and to appropriate funds necessary to administer those agreements.

PART CCCCC proposed to direct the State Fire Marshal to negotiate a bulk purchase price for thermal imaging cameras to be purchased by local fire-fighting units and law enforcement agencies. This Part also proposed to establish a fund by which loans can be made for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras and provide an appropriation and an allocation for these purposes.

PART DDDDD proposed to increase the allowable forest management and harvest plan income tax credit for parcels of land greater than 10 acres from \$200 to \$300, beginning January 1, 2002.

PART EEEEE proposed to appropriate funds to conduct a low-flow study in Aroostook County.

PART FFFFF proposed to consolidate existing dam safety laws within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and moves the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

PART GGGGG proposed to exempt from the sales tax sales to incorporate nonprofit organizations that provide temporary child placement and adoption services and are licensed by the Department of Human Services as child-placing agencies or emergency shelters.

PART HHHHH proposed to provide funds for the maintenance of Maine's monuments at Gettysburg National Military Park.

PART IIIII proposed to provide additional funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for loans to Maine residents enrolled in a school of dental education or to repay loan agreements for practicing doctors of dental medicine who practice in underserved population areas.

PART JJJJJ proposed to authorize the issuance of transportation vouchers to persons with disabilities and appropriates funds for this purpose.

PART KKKKK proposed to appropriate one-time funds for the Oxford County Fair Society.

PART LLLLL proposed to require the Department of Human Services to amend the rules of reimbursement for durable medical equipment in 4 areas, including crossover claims for persons eligible under the Medicaid program and the Medicare program; removing the reimbursement cap on major purchases; granting approval for purchases requiring prior authorization if not granted within 30 days of submitting an application; and reimbursement for travel costs when necessary to make repairs and service durable medical equipment.

PART MMMMM proposed to authorize payments from the Maine Rainy Day Fund for death benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel who die in the line of duty.

PART NNNNN proposed to provide funds to create a digital library to meet the educational, research, business and economic needs of Maine.

PART OOOOO proposed to exclude from the calculation of a consumer's income the income of a consumer's spouse under the home-based care program within the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services within the Department of Human Services.

House Amendment "K" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-742)

This amendment proposed to eliminate funding for all new positions established by Committee Amendment "A" and instead provide additional funds for general purpose aid for local schools.

House Amendment "L" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-747)

This amendment proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill as amended. The amendment adjusts dates in the cigarette tax and the meal tax provisions to reflect the nonemergency status. It proposed to authorize the State Controller to keep open the official system of general accounts of State Government for fiscal year 2000-01 to make post-closing entries and adjustments to carry out the provisions of this Act. The amendment also proposed to increase transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

This amendment also changes the date of transfer of funds to the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund from July 1, 2001 to October 1, 2001. The amendment also strikes the language authorizing a tax anticipation note to cover the debt service costs associated with that note. The amendment also proposed to change the reporting date on which the Maine State Housing Authority must report on the energy issues from September 1, 2001 to November 1, 2001. The amendment also proposed to strike the language that authorizes the expenditure of funding among pharmaceutical benefits programs administered by the Department of Human Services.

The amendment proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Labor for the continuation of the Maine Airs program through the Iris Network, formerly known as the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The amendment proposed to direct the State Fire Marshal to negotiate a bulk purchase price for thermal imaging cameras to be purchased by local fire-fighting units and law enforcement agencies. This amendment also proposed to establish a fund by which loans can be made for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras and provides an appropriation and an allocation for these purposes.

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The amendment proposed to provide additional funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for loans to Maine residents enrolled in a school of dental education or to repay loan agreements for practicing doctors of dental medicine who practice in underserved population areas.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-364)

This amendment proposed to amend the laws governing the general purpose aid to local schools program. Current law proposed to limit the state share of the foundation allocation for each administrative unit to the same proportion of the maximum allocation as the local administrative unit raises of its maximum local share of the foundation allocation. The amendment proposed to limit the reduction in the state share of the foundation allocation for each school administrative unit that raises its local share of the foundation allocation if the school administrative unit has raised 9.0 mills in fiscal year 2001-02 and 10.0 mills in fiscal year 2002-03.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-365)

This amendment proposed to fund the per diem and other expenses associated with increasing the number of meetings and extending office hours of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices from the Maine Clean Election Fund.

Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-366)

This amendment proposed to begin the increase in state-municipal revenue sharing on November 1, 2002 and repeals the July 1, 2003 sunset.

Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-367)

This amendment proposed to remove the July 1, 2003 sunset in the increase of state-municipal revenue sharing to 5.2% of sales and income tax receipts.

Senate Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-368)

This amendment proposed to establish a cold case homicide squad within the Department of Public Safety and terminates the squad on October 30, 2004 unless the squad is continued by the Legislature. The amendment proposed to require the Department of Public Safety to provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters by January 1, 2004 evaluating the success of the cold case homicide squad and making recommendations on continuation of the squad. The amendment proposed to include an appropriation to fund one state police detective position for the cold case homicide squad.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 439 is the Part 2 budget bill for fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03. It contains the following provisions.

PART	SECTION	DESCRIPTION
A	A-1	Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations (All Funds)
В	B-1	General Fund Appropriations and Deappropriations for Reclassifications
	B-2	Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-3	Other Special Revenue funds Allocations/Deallocations for Reclassifications
	B-4	Federal Block Grant Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
С	C-1;C-4	Amends the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund law to clarify investment, audit and the use of the fund
=	C-2:C-3	Authorizes the State Budget Officer to distribute retiree health insurance costs to affected accounts as adjustments to appropriations and allocations in fiscal year 2002-03
D	D-1:D-2; D-9	Amends the income tax law as it relates to the definition of "corporation" to ensure that all health maintenance organizations are equitably subjected to the corporate income tax
	D-3:D-9	Amends the law as it relates to the definition of "compensation" with regard to leased or temporary employees for determining the payroll factor for purposes of income tax apportionment
E	E-1	Amends the law concerning positions to support the design and implementation of the new Budget and Financial Management System
F	F-1	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease- purchase agreements to purchase motor vehicles for the Central Motor Pool

	F-2	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into lease-
		purchase agreements to purchase hardware, software and systems in support of the operations of State Government
	F-3	Authorizes Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$7,360,000 for construction and renovation at AMHI, the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Transportation Building in Augusta
G	G-1:G-2	Establishes the Office of Victim Services in the Department of Corrections
	G-3	Authorizes the transfer of funds by financial order to pay overtime and labor market adjustments for teachers at the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility
	G-4	Authorizes the Department of Corrections to establish intermittent positions to avoid unbudgeted overtime
	G-5:G-8	Renames the Southern Maine Juvenile Facility, the Long Creek Youth Development Center and the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility the Mountain View Youth Development Center
	G-9:G-12	Authorizes the Department of Corrections to carry forward funds for overtime
Н	H-1:H-4	Removes the Federal and State Education Program Coordinator from the list of appointments by the Commissioner of Education
	H-5	Authorizes funds to be lapsed from the General Purpose Aid For Local Schools account to the General Fund
I	I-1	Establishes the Land Management Fund within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
	I-2	Authorizes certain carrying balances within the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to lapse to the General Fund
	I-3	Appropriates funds to restore 3 part-time Recreational and Safety Coordinator positions
J	J-1:J-7	Creates a deputy commissioner and eliminates references to other administrative positions in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services
К	K-1	Authorizes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to transfer available balances of appropriations and allocations between line categories within the same account in fiscal year 2001-02
	K-2	Authorizes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to extend a limited-period Education Team and Policy Director position to June 30, 2002
L	L-1:L-5	Changes the presumptive abandonment period for property related to the demutualization or related reorganization of an insurance company to 2 years

	L-6:L-8	It also allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to share certain information with the Treasurer of State
	L-9	It also transfers an additional \$1 million annually in fiscal year 2001-02 and 2002-03 from the Abandoned Property Fund to the General Fund
М	M-1	Authorizes the change of bargaining unit from Professional Technical to Supervisory Services for the Senior DNA Forensic Analyst position within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police
	M-2	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to fund position upgrades in the Drinking Water Program, the Eating and Lodging Program and a previously approved upgrade of one Planning and Research Associate position
N	N-1	Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities up to \$5,500,000 for certain courthouse projects
0	0-1:0-2	Eliminates the Office of State Historian program, deappropriates its current funding and establishes that program within the Historic Preservation Commission
Р	P-1	Funds the Lewiston-Auburn College teachers for elementary and middle schools projects through a delay in the Maine Patent Program and provides 2.5% increases in the base budgets for the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System and the Maine Maritime Academy
	P-2	Authorizes the Maine Technical College System to receive transfers from the General Fund Salary Plan for the costs of collective bargaining agreements in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03
Q	Q-1	Continues an adjustment of headcount that was authorized in Public Law 2001, c. 1; reflects the number of positions authorized by the Legislative Council to support the activities of the Legislature and the organization of the 120th Legislature; provides sufficient funds in the personal services line category to meet the needs of the current organizational structure of the Legislature; and provides for a line category transfer of funds to establish a position to replace desktop support currently provided by contract
R	R-1	Allocates funds supported by private fund-raising activities for a celebration of the State House renovations
S	S-1	Provides additional guidance regarding the 2.5% increase of wages and benefits included in the reimbursement to agencies for mental health and mental retardation services
Т	T-1:T-2	Establishes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Compensation Fund within the Maine Rainy Day Fund as a separate account and capitalizes the compensation fund in the amount of \$3,000,000. It further authorizes the transfer of the \$3,000,000 from the compensation fund within the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Baxter Compensation Fund, Other Special Revenue funds account by financial order after the written request of the Baxter Compensation Authority Board (see LD 271 & LD 293)

	T-3:T-8	Creates the Baxter Compensation Authority and the Baxter Compensation Program to provide funding to former students who were abused while students of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or the Maine School for the Deaf
	T-9:T-10	Authorizes the transfer of \$1,000,000 fro the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund to the Other Special Revenue account and makes allocations from the account
U	U-1:U-4	Establishes a Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund as an internal service fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the purpose of replacing the current radio and network system; requires the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to prepare a report to specified committees of the Legislature on all activities of the radio and network system; provides lease-purchase authorization for the acquisition of hardware and software for the radio and network system and provides appropriations and allocations to fund the lease-purchase authorization
V	V-1	Provides a waiver of the 3.5 mile radius requirement for agency liquor stores
W	W-1	Transfers available balances in an account within the Department of the Attorney General to the General Fund unappropriated surplus
	W-2	Transfers available balances in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Securities Division Other Special Revenue account to the General Fund
Х	X-1:X-6	Establishes an Ombudsman program (see LD 764)
	X-7:X-9	Provides funds for the Department of Human Services for 24 positions and related operating costs associated with increasing resources for child protective and child welfare services and funds for the Ombudsman program
	X-10:X-12	Transfers one-time child support collections to TANF and deappropriates from the TANF program an amount equal to the transfer of these collections
Y	Y-1:Y-3	Provides funds for the Department of Human Services for the completion of the Claims Management System through the use of child support collection funds
Z	Z-1:Z-2	Establishes the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board within the Department of the Attorney General (see LD 1530)
	Z-3	Appropriates funds to establish a Research Assistant position in the Department of the Attorney General for the sexual assault forensic examiner program and funds for one Coordinator position and a half-time Clerk Typist III position in the Department of Public Safety for the new violence against women initiative.
AA	AA-1	Authorizes the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to carry forward operating funds until June 30, 2002
BB	BB-1	Allocates Other Special Revenue funds within the Department of Environmental

		Protection to fund the costs of a low-flow study to be conducted by the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board
СС	CC-1:CC-3	Provides a 5% increase in the maximum level of assistance in the TANF program effective October 1, 2001 (see LD 1209)
DD	DD-1	Revises allocations for the Office of the Public Advocate to limit growth
EE	EE-1:EE-4	Establishes order of priorities for unappropriated surplus transfers at the close of fiscal year 2000-01
FF	FF-1:FF-2	Authorizes the issuance of combination fishing and hunting licenses to active duty military personnel stationed outside the United States for an amount equal to the administrative costs associated with issuing the licenses. (see LD 8)
GG	GG-1	Authorizes the Maine State Housing Authority to make Low-income Home Energy Assistance program funds available earlier in the year and authorizes a \$10,000,000 working capital advance from the General Fund beginning in fiscal year 2002-03 (see LD 29)
	GG-2:GG-5	Requires the Maine State Housing Authority to study and report on the availability of fixed-price home heating fuel contracts for fuel assistance recipients, the identification of funding for the nonfederal share of weatherization program costs, the feasibility of establishing an Office of Energy Conservation and the possibility of increasing the percentage of LIHEAP funds used for weatherization (see LD 29)
	GG-6	Requires the State Planning Office to study whether the State can reduce its per capita residential energy consumption by 25% by 2011 (see LD 29)
НН	HH-1:HH-4	Expands eligibility for the elderly low-cost drug program by adding as a basic component coverage for prescribed, approved over-the-counter medications and by establishing eligibility at 185% of the federal nonfarm income poverty line with cost-of-living adjustments (see LD 50)
II	II-1:II-2	Provides a use tax exemption for merchandise donated to an organization that is exempt from sales tax (see LD 73)
JJ	JJ-1	Appropriates funds for a grant to the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center to support outreach activities at the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery (see LD 97)
KK	KK-1:KK-2	Provides an income tax deduction for Holocaust victim settlement payments to Holocaust survivors (See LD 129)
LL	LL-1:LL-3	Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to increase the amount of Medicaid reimbursement for occupational and physical therapy, speech and language pathologist and audiologist services to 50% of the usual and customary charge and appropriates and allocates the necessary funds (see LD 183)
MM	MM-1	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to allow the Interdepartmental

		Committee on Transition to assist public schools in complying with state and federal
		transition requirements related to learning results and postsecondary outcomes for youth with disabilities (see LD 185)
NN	NN-1:NN-2	Establishes the Department of Conservation's role as liaison to the United States Army Corps of Engineers with regard to activities at Camp Ellis in Saco and requires the department to develop a beach nourishment policy (see LD 197)
00	00-1	Increases the amount dedicated to state-municipal revenue sharing from 5.1% to 5.2% of state income tax and sales tax revenues beginning January 1, 2003 (see LD 209)
PP	PP-1:PP-3	Increases the state contribution for health insurance for retired teachers from 30% to 35% beginning July 1, 2002 and requires that teachers have 5 years of creditable service to be eligible for state contribution (see LD 211)
QQ	QQ-1:QQ-3	Reinstates emergency assistance for veterans through the Bureau of Veterans' Services (see LD 224)
RR	RR-1:RR-2	Appropriates \$300,000 to the Maine Science and Technology Foundation for the Maine Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and establishes the Maine EPSCoR Capacity Fund to provide state matching funds for EPSCoR activities (see LD 228)
SS	SS-1	Appropriates \$50,000 to the Maine Maritime Academy's Small Vessel Endowment Fund to encourage private donations (see LD 231)
TT	TT-1: TT-3	Makes available funds to provide full Medicaid services for women with breast or cervical cancer diagnosed through the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program (see LD 243)
UU	UU-1: UU-3	Designates as public assistance, aid provided to veterans and their dependents by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management (see LD 268)
VV	VV-1:VV-4	Increases the maximum benefit under the Judicial Retirement System from 60% to 70% of average final compensation for judges appointed after December 1, 1984 (see LD 301)
WW	WW-1	Provides a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 for dues for membership in the Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship (see LD 305)
XX	XX-1: XX-5	Permits foster parents to purchase group health insurance through the state employee health insurance plan (see LD 353)
YY	YY-1	Appropriates funds for 4 new sites for Jobs for Maine's Graduates (see LD 367)
ZZ	ZZ-1	Provides an appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to be distributed to the High Hopes Clubhouse in Waterville (see LD 370)
AAA	AAA-1	Provides funds for the State's share of the budget to operate the Northeast Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Pricing (see LD 387)

BBB	BBB-1: BBB-3	Establishes the Community Health Access Program within the Department of Human Services to provide comprehensive health care services through local nonprofit community corporations (see LD 392)
CCC	CCC-1:	Provides funds to permit Medicaid reimbursement for nonprofit nursing facilities to include 1/4 of the profit rate applicable to proprietary facilities if approved by the federal Health Care Financing Administration (see LD 393)
	CCC-3	ficatul Care Financing Administration (see ED 393)
DDD	DDD-1:	Provides funds to increase the per diem compensation of Active Retired Superior Court Justices and District Court Judges (see LD 400)
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EEE	EEE-1	Appropriates funds for the operating costs of the Saco River Corridor Commission (see LD 416)
FFF	FFF-1	Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for grants by the Maine Leadership Consortium to support teachers seeking federal certification (see 436)
CCC	GGG-1	Alle sets for de from the Frend for a Healthe Maine for coordination and administration of
GGG	000-1	Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for coordination and administration of the Donated Dental Services program (see LD 505)
ННН	HHH-1:	Appropriates funds, contingent on bond passage, to support the development, renovation
		and equipment of the proposed Bath Higher Education Center (see LD 532)
	HHH-2	
III	III-1:	Provides a sales tax exemption for certain sales by auxiliary organizations of the American Legion (see LD 581)
	III-2	
JJJ	JJJ-1	Appropriates funds to the Department of Labor for Catholic Charities Maine to support a
555	555 1	portion of the cost of 2 Teacher of Blind and Visually Impaired Children positions (see LD 603)
KKK	KKK-1	Clarifies and codifies the duties of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services regarding the need for children's crisis services (see LD 633)
LLL	LLL-1	Appropriates funds to support the provision of computer access services to blind consumers through the Iris Network (see LD 663)
MMM	MMM-1	Appropriates funds to the Department of Labor for Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community to provide increased service in Washington and Waldo Counties beginning in fiscal year 2002-03 (see LD 695)
NNN	NNN-1	Appropriates funds to the Finance Authority of Maine to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing an accredited dental residency program (see LD 707)

000	000-1:	Amends the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999 and the sentencing provisions for sex offenders to provide enhanced registration and notification requirements
	000-18	(see LD 833)
PPP	PPP-1:	Provides a sales tax exemption for memorial foundations that primarily provide cultural programs free to the public (see LD 845)
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QQQ	QQQ-1	Authorizes the Department of Human Services to establish a prescription drug reimportation program contingent upon federal approval and cost savings (see LD 916)
RRR	RRR-1:	Provides for reimbursement of optometrists for services to persons whose care is paid for in part by the Medicaid program and in part by the Medicare program (see LD 917)
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SSS	SSS-1:	Establishes the Education Funding Reform Committee to develop and report by December 31, 2001 a comprehensive package of tax reform legislation to update and equalize the
	SSS-8	method of raising money for education including reducing reliance on property taxes for education funding (see LD 970)
TTT	TTT-1	Appropriates additional funds for the Reading Recovery Program (see LD 998)
UUU	UUU-1: UUU-2	Expands eligibility of schools for school breakfast incentive grants and permits unexpended balances to be carried forward (see LD 1032)
VVV	VVV-1	Appropriates one-time funds for the Capital Riverfront Improvement District (see LD 1049)
WWW	WWW-1: WWW-2	Appropriates funds for the building alternatives program at the Maine Youth Center and requires the Department of Corrections to report on a plan to establish a building alternatives plan at the Northern Maine Juvenile Facility (see LD 1149)
XXX	XXX-1: XXX-4	Provides a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 for community
		forestry and dedicates a portion of real estate transfer tax revenues, but not exceeding \$200,000 annually, reduced by federal funds, to a new Community Forestry Fund (see LD 1200)
YYY	YYY-1	Appropriates funds for continuation of the meat inspection program (see LD 1215)
ZZZ	ZZZ-1: ZZZ-3	Establishes the Health Care System and Health Security Board to investigate and develop a plan for implementation of a single-payor health care plan to provide health care coverage to all citizens of the State (see LD 1277)
AAAA	AAAA-1:	Establishes the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund within the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to evaluate the State's research and development
	AAAA-2	efforts (see LD 1325)
BBBB	BBBB-1	Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 for a low-barrier homeless teen shelter in

		Rockland (see LD 1365)
CCCC	CCCC-1	Provides additional appropriations for General Purpose Aid to Local Schools for the geographic isolation adjustment (see LD 1383)
DDDD	DDDD-1: DDDD-4	Changes the name of the Maine Communities in the New Century Program to the New Century Community Program and appropriates additional funding to expand activities of the program (see LD 1433)
EEEE	EEEE-1: EEEE-9	Authorizes implementation of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency System, authorizes a one- year increase in the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge and provides additional allocations necessary to implement the program (see LD 1467)
FFFF	FFFF-1: FFFF-3	Provides funds to include podiatrists in the group of health care providers who are exempt from reimbursement reductions with respect to its liability for Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance charges (see LD 1499)
GGGG	GGGG-1: GGGG-18	Changes retirement plan options for certain law enforcement officers in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources contingent upon the availability of funding from General Fund unappropriated surplus or other Legislative action (see LD 1584)
НННН	НННН-1: НННН-2	Provides a one-time appropriation for the Health Workforce Retraining Program to provide matching grants to education and training programs by eligible health care businesses and organizations (see LD 1592)
IIII	IIII-1	Appropriates funds to the Maine State Library to purchase on-line reference materials (see LD 1646)
1111	JJJJ-1	Appropriates funds for various technical college purposes and for the Western Maine University and Technical College Center (see LD 1648)
КККК	KKKK-1: KKKK-3	Appropriates funds for a grant program administered through the certified forest resource manager grant fund to assist foresters in obtaining certain certifications (see LD 1660)
LLLL	LLLL-1: LLLL-2	Establishes the Maine Port Terminal Facilities Marketing Program and appropriates funds to market the Eastport port terminal facility (LD 1669)
MMMM	MMMM-1: MMMM-2	Requires the Commissioner of Education to pay a supplement to the regular student tuition for unorganized territory students attending school in SAD No. 58 (see LD 1684)
NNNN	NNNN-1: NNNN-2	Establishes a State purchasing code of conduct for companies supplying the State with certain goods that requires company compliance with applicable wages, health and safety laws and human and labor rights treaties (see LD 1748)
0000	0000-1: 0000-4	Raises the debt service limit for school facilities bonds for fiscal year 2005-06 and fiscal year 2006-07 and requires the Department of Education, the State Board of Education and

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		the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to amend certain rules related to school construction projects and the School Revolving Renovation Fund (see LD 1762)
PPPP	PPPP-1: PPPP-4	Creates the Youth Advisory Council to advise the Legislature and others on issues of importance to youth (see LD 1779)
QQQQ	QQQQ-1: QQQQ-2	Establishes the Maine Computer Crimes Task Force to report to the Legislature and assist law enforcement agencies that investigate crimes involving computers (LD 1800)
RRRR	RRRR-1	Authorizes the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Services to accept land in southern Maine for a veterans' cemetery (see LD 1803)
SSSS	SSSS-1: SSSS-4	Increases the cigarette tax to 94 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes effective October 1, 2001
TTTT	TTTT-1: TTTT-3	Extends the 7% tax on prepared foods sold by businesses licensed for on-premise liquor consumption to all sales of prepared food and amends the definition of prepared food effective October 1, 2001
UUUU	UUUU-1	Establishes the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund and dedicates a portion of the 7% tax on meals and lodging to fund tourism promotion (see LD 1677)
VVVV	VVVV-1	Appropriates funds for various programs for sexual assault and domestic violence intervention and prevention
WWWW	WWWW1: WWWW-6	Authorizes certain balances to carry forward and makes related adjustments to appropriations; provides funding for State House renovation shortfall, legislative studies, the civil rights team project and the Maine Biomedical Research Fund; recognizes savings in the Department of Economic and Community Development; and utilizes some TANF reserve funds within the Department of Human Services
XXXX	XXXX-1: XXXX-2	Establishes a cold case homicide squad within the Department of Public Safety (see LD 1743)
YYYY	ҮҮҮҮ-1	Authorizes the State Controller to keep open the official system of general accounts of state government for fiscal year 2000-01 in order to make post-closing entries and adjustments
ZZZZ	ZZZZ-1	Authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$1,750,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to General Fund unappropriated surplus no later than June 30, 2003
AAAAA	AAAAA-1	Provides funds to the Department of Labor for the continuation of the Maine Airs program through the IRIS Network (see LD 205)

BBBBB-1: BBBBB-3 Directs the State Fire Marshal to negotiate a bulk purchase price for thermal imaging cameras to be purchased by local fire-fighting units and law enforcement agencies (see LD

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CCCCC	CCCCC-1: CCCCC-4	Authorizes the use of Maine Rainy Day Funds as needed to pay death benefits for certain law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services persons who die while in the line of duty (see LD 1465)
DDDDD	DDDDD-1	Provides additional funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for loans to Maine residents enrolled in a school of dental education (see LD 896)