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**LD 47      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment  
for Career and Technical Education Centers      Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEAU R WOODSOME D		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used to provide funds to make capital improvements to and purchase equipment for career and technical education centers for high school students.

**LD 139      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's  
Community Colleges      Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to strengthen and expand business and industry training, upgrade and renovate instructional technology facilities and laboratories at Maine's seven community colleges in order to strengthen educational programming and workforce development and install energy efficiency upgrades across the system. Similar provisions are contained in LD 836 as enacted.

**LD 143      An Act To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other  
Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund      Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNSWORTH R MAKER J		

This bill was reported out of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee during the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. The bill was committed to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and then carried over from the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill provides funds to be used to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and for other necessary repairs

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approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-452)**

This amendment was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. This amendment replaces the bill with a bond issue. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000 in each of the two fiscal years, will be used to provide funds to the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and make other necessary repairs.

**LD 176      An Act To Authorize the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To      PUBLIC 378  
Procure and Offer Long-term Disability Insurance**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOLEY R KATZ R	OTP-AM	H-681

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature by joint order H.P. 1138.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to implement changes to the disability retirement program administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. The changes would be based on the recommendations of a task force, which was convened by the system to review the current disability retirement program and propose changes to improve member experience while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The task force, consisting of representatives of employers and employees and staff from the system, is expected to provide its recommendations before the end of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-681)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to procure and offer long-term disability insurance to the retirement system's members and employees who choose not to become members but participate in the defined contribution plan pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, section 18801, subsection 1. The decision about whether to offer coverage is made by the employer. Premiums would not be paid for by the retirement system, but would be paid by employers, by employees electing the coverage or by a combination of both. The amendment also directs the retirement system to report twice to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters on the use of the authority granted by this bill, once in 2019 and once in 2020.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 378 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to procure and offer long-term disability insurance to the retirement system's members and employees who choose not to become members but participate in the defined contribution plan pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, section 18801, subsection 1. The decision about whether to offer coverage is made by the employer. Premiums would not be paid for by the retirement system, but would be paid by employers, by employees electing the coverage or by a combination of both. It also directs the retirement system to report twice to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters on the use of the authority granted by this law, once in 2019 and once in 2020.

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**LD 177      An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at State  
Correctional Institutions That Are Closing**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was reported out of committee in the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and was carried over to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill allows employees at state correctional facilities that close who have not reached their normal retirement age to retire and receive their full retirement benefit if certain conditions are met and funding is appropriated for the additional actuarial costs that result from the elimination of a reduction for retirement prior to normal retirement age. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to provide certification of the pending closure of a state correctional facility to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. The bill requires the retirement system to calculate the amount of funding necessary to pay for the actuarial costs and report that information to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters. The bill provides that the joint standing committee may report out legislation appropriating funds for the costs set forth in the report.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-764)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, differs from the bill in the following ways.

1. It defines "closure" as the removal of all clients from a correctional facility pursuant to legislative action.
2. It removes the provision that the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services provide notification to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System of closure and replaces it with a provision that requires the Department of Corrections to notify the retirement system of the date of closure and the date of enactment and the chapter of the law that provides for the closure.
3. It provides funding for the unfunded actuarial liability of the additional retirement benefits for qualified individuals through a one-time increase in the Department of Corrections' employer contribution rate for payment of the unfunded actuarial liability.

Provisions of this bill, as amended, are included in LD 925 as enacted.

**LD 178      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Jobs,  
Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water Resources**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R DILL J		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

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The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to provide funding for cost sharing of at least 50% on projects that correct downstream pollution issues and provide contractor jobs and public safety improvements through improved storm water management and improved water quality.

**LD 247      An Act To Amend the Retirement Laws Pertaining to Participating  
Local Districts**

**PUBLIC 392  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MADIGAN J	OTP-AM	H-716

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature by joint order H.P. 1138.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to implement changes to the Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System; the changes would be based on recommendations of the Participating Local District Advisory Committee. The committee, which represents both employee and employer interests, is authorized by statute to provide proposals for changes to the plan. Pursuant to that authority, the committee is reviewing possible plan adjustments to improve future funding levels and is expected to issue its recommendations prior to the end of the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-716)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. This amendment also does the following.

1. It clarifies the rule-making authority for the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to implement changes to the Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan which are based on recommendations made by the Participating Local District Advisory Committee
2. It makes clear that plan provisions that pertain to contribution rates, earnable compensation, service credit for unused sick or vacation leave, cost-of-living adjustments, early retirement reduction, return to work after retirement and withdrawal liability payments that apply to employers and members of the Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan are those adopted by rule pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18801.
2. It clarifies the meaning of "level of service retirement benefits" as it pertains to permissible changes to service retirement benefits.
3. It provides guidance for the adoption of rules on return to work after retirement and withdrawal liability.
4. It makes clear that any rules adopted by the board relating to the Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan are routine technical rules.
5. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 392 does the following.

1. It clarifies the rule-making authority for the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to implement changes to the Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan which are based on recommendations made by the Participating Local District Advisory Committee

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2. It makes clear that plan provisions that pertain to contribution rates, earnable compensation, service credit for unused sick or vacation leave, cost-of-living adjustments, early retirement reduction, return to work after retirement and withdrawal liability payments that apply to employers and members of the Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan are those adopted by rule pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18801.

2. It clarifies the meaning of "level of service retirement benefits" as it pertains to permissible changes to service retirement benefits.

3. It provides guidance for the adoption of rules on return to work after retirement and withdrawal liability.

4. It makes clear that any rules adopted by the board relating to the Participating Local District Consolidated Retirement Plan are routine technical rules.

Public Law 2017, chapter 392 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 18, 2018.

**LD 292      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B LIBBY N		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct state-owned railroad lines, improve infrastructure on a railway crossing in the Town of Yarmouth and improve the railroad line between the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the City of Portland.

**LD 316      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Railways      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D SPEAR J		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for the enhancement of existing railway service and for the expansion of railway service. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1818 as enacted.

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**LD 317      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways,  
Bridges and Multimodal Facilities      Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D KUMIEGA W		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to improve highways, bridges and multimodal facilities in the State. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1818 as enacted.

**LD 318      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Economic  
Development with High-Resolution Geospatial Data      Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T BLACK R		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide partnership funds and matching grants for geospatial data acquisition to communities that are creating or improving digital parcel maps to accurately identify existing boundaries and land use, identify potential community development areas and protect environmental resources.

**LD 319      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront  
Community Development      Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESCHAMBAULT S FECTEAU R		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to fund a grant program to invest in projects along the State's rivers that contribute to economic, environmental and community development and revitalization, promote economic activity, protect the environment and enhance quality of life for Maine people.

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**LD 345      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,100,000, will be used to replace existing infrastructure systems of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation that carry the emergency alert system.

**LD 376      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a New Engineering Design and Education Center at the University of Maine      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B KORNFIELD T	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$80,000,000, will be used for the construction of an engineering design and education center at the University of Maine in Orono.

**LD 416      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen Maine's Groundfish Permit Bank      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KUMIEGA W MIRAMANT D		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to purchase federal northeast multispecies groundfish permits to enable Maine fishing vessels to land their catch in Maine. The Department of Marine Resources is directed to retain revenue from leasing the quota of permits to cover the cost of the permit program and to return revenue in excess of program expenses to the General Fund.



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**LD 467      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Changes in Sea Level      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M MIRAMANT D		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to support improvements to sea level prediction models by providing more detailed mapping of coastal zones and monitoring sea level changes in order to mitigate the impact of and help prepare for rising sea levels.

**LD 520      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Increase Rural Maine's Access to Broadband Internet Service      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S MAKER J		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used for the provision of broadband Internet service in unserved and underserved areas through ConnectME Authority or successor organization partnerships with private, municipal and nongovernmental service providers.

**LD 521      An Act To Align the Criteria Used by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in Determining Veterans' Disability Claims with the Criteria Used by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs      PUBLIC 384**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S CARSON B	OTP-AM ONTP	H-688

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature by joint order H.P. 1138.

This bill provides that a veteran who is a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and who has been awarded a disability pension under 38 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3.3 (2003) for a service-connected disability is qualified for disability retirement benefits under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 423, article 3. The provisions of the bill apply to all applications for disability retirement benefits filed on or after January 1, 2018.

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**Committee Amendment "A" (H-688)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a veteran who is a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and who has been awarded disability compensation by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a service-connected disability based on a determination of individual unemployability is presumed to be disabled under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17921, subsection 1 and section 18521, subsection 1. This presumption may be rebutted only by evidence not considered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The provisions of the amendment apply to any application for a disability retirement benefit filed on or after October 1, 2018.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 384 provides that a veteran who is a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and who has been awarded disability compensation by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a service-connected disability based on a determination of individual unemployability is presumed to be disabled under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17921, subsection 1 and section 18521, subsection 1. This presumption may be rebutted only by evidence not considered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The provisions of this law apply to any application for a disability retirement benefit filed on or after October 1, 2018.

**LD 546      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Biological Research in Maine      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T GIDEON S		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory through the Maine Technology Institute to expand infrastructure and stimulate biotechnology job growth and economic activity.

**LD 590      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for investments in railroad infrastructure to expand passenger rail service, with a priority for railroad track corridors that could support passenger and freight intermodal operations and enhance the movement of agricultural products.

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**LD 638      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Transportation Projects**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)  
MCLEAN A

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, freight and passenger railroads, transit and bicycle and pedestrian facilities, matching an estimated \$55,000,000 in federal and other funds.

Similar provisions are contained in LD 1818 as enacted.

**LD 650      An Act To Clarify and Protect Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)  
WOODSOME D  
MARTIN D

Committee Report  
OTP-AM  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted  
S-370

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was reported out of committee in the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill changes the contractual commitment to maintain state-protected benefits regarding cost-of-living adjustments for retired state employees and teachers by specifying that it constitutes a solemn contractual commitment of the State that is protected under the Constitution of Maine and the United States Constitution.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-370)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 675      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Food Processing Infrastructure in Targeted Areas of the State**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)  
HICKMAN C

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

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The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used for food processing infrastructure in targeted areas of the State.

**LD 735      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Independence of Maine's Seniors      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A HERBIG E		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to assist in the provision of energy-efficient affordable multifamily housing to low-income Maine seniors. Forty million dollars of the bond proceeds will be used to construct new multifamily housing for seniors and to adaptively reuse existing structures to provide multifamily housing for seniors. At least one housing facility will be located in each of Maine's 16 counties. Preference will be given to housing locations that have access to health care services and other essential goods and services. Five million dollars will be used to rehabilitate existing affordable senior housing facilities. Five million dollars will provide for home repair and weatherization of the existing homes of low-income seniors. The bond proceeds will leverage an estimated \$75,000,000 in private and other funds.

**LD 743      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote and Improve the Intermodal Transportation System in Maine      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B MIRAMANT D		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to promote and improve the intermodal transportation system in the State, including but not limited to rail and bus transportation, bicycle lanes and pedestrian sidewalks.

Provisions of this bill are included in LD 1818 as enacted.

**LD 836      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Maine's Workforce Development Capacity by Modernizing and Improving the Facilities and Infrastructure of Maine's Public Universities and Community Colleges      PUBLIC 465**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JORGENSEN E DILL J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-802

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This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$75,000,000, will be used to modernize and improve the facilities and infrastructure of Maine's public universities. The bill also provides \$2,500,000 in debt service beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 to make critical information technology investments in wireless communications and classrooms across the University of Maine System.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-802)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title, reduces from \$75,000,000 to \$49,000,000 the funds provided to build Maine's workforce development capacity by the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of existing or new facilities and other infrastructure within the University of Maine System and adds a bond issue to provide funds in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all seven community colleges to provide Maine people with access to high-skill, low-cost technical and career education. The amendment also removes the appropriation to the University of Maine System, and it requires the University of Maine System to submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on the system's capital expenditure plan every two years.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 465 does the following.

Part A provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$49,000,000, to be used for the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of existing or new facilities and other infrastructure within the University of Maine System, as approved by the Board of Trustees. The bonds must be matched by other public and private funds.

Part B provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all seven community colleges.

Part C requires the University of Maine System to submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on the system's capital expenditure plan every two years.

The bond issue is subject to voter approval at a statewide election to be held in November, 2018.

**LD 837      An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government      Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JORGENSEN E	OTP-AM ONTP	H-751 S-502    BREEN C

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was reported out of committee in the Second Regular Session and carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This emergency bill proposes to provide supplemental appropriations and allocations necessary for the operation of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

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**Committee Amendment "A" (H-751)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. This amendment establishes 103 positions in the office for family independence in the Department of Health and Human Services to handle increased workload due to the expansion of eligibility for MaineCare. The amendment also provides one-time funding for technology updates and testing for the department's Maine Integrated Health Management Solution website.

**Senate Amendment "C" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-502)**

This amendment does the following:

1. Establishes the MaineCare Expansion Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the funds estimated to be necessary for expanded coverage under the MaineCare program required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1, "An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care";
2. Limits the use of the fund to funding needed for the implementation and continuation of expanded access to health care as required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1;
3. Requires that funds in the fund lapse to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund if not expended by June 30, 2019;
4. Directs the State Controller to transfer \$31,159,210 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the fund no later than 10 days following the effective date of this legislation; and
5. Provides that the Governor, on or before June 30, 2019 and upon the written request of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State Budget Officer, may transfer up to \$23,540,000 from the unallocated balance of the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the fund for the amount of medical costs of the MaineCare program that, as a result of expansion of the MaineCare program, will within the 15 days following the request exceed the sum of the total amount available in the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program plus the total amount transferred from the General Fund.

<b>LD 897</b>	<b>An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Efficient Biomass Thermal and Power Projects in Maine</b>	<b>Died On Adjournment</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D HIGGINS N		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to construct steam piping from existing stand-alone biomass generators to adjacent manufacturing facilities, construct biomass combined heat and power generation boilers for sawmill manufacturing facilities and convert fossil fuel boilers in public buildings and commercial facilities to biomass boilers.

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**LD 924      An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations  
and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper  
Operations of State Government**

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D	OTP-AM	H-790 S-529    HAMPER J

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This emergency bill proposes to adjust certain appropriations and allocations from the General Fund and other funds for the expenditures of State Government related to position changes and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-790)**

This amendment replaces the bill.

Part A requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the reimbursement rates for services provided for home-based and community-based care for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism and provides funding to the department due to the change in the rates. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the federal medical assistance percentage match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the service provider tax.

Part B requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules for reimbursement rates for certain home and community based services for the elderly and adults with physical disabilities and provides a General Fund appropriation and Other Special Revenue and Federal Fund allocation to fund an increase in those rates effective July 1, 2018.

Part C repeals the provision of law requiring the State Controller to make a one-time transfer of \$12,202,104 in fiscal year 2018-19 from the General Fund to the Reserve for County Jail Operations program Other Special Revenue account and replaces the Other Special Revenue allocation with a General Fund appropriation to the County Jails Operation Fund program beginning in fiscal year 2018-19.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-529)**

This amendment:

1. Removes requirements regarding assessment of individual need and resource application from the reimbursement methodology;
2. Requires that the Department of Health and Human Services perform a substantive review of rates for services provided to adults with intellectual disability or autism under MaineCare at least every two years;
3. Removes the requirement that rates be sufficient to ensure that an adequate number of providers are available to provide access to services; and
4. Adds two procedure codes to the list of procedure codes for which the department must amend its rules to

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increase reimbursement rates.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 459 does the following.

Part A requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the reimbursement rates for services provided for home-based and community-based care for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism and provides funding to the department due to the change in the rates. Federal Expenditures Fund allocations are also included for the federal medical assistance percentage match and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations for the service provider tax. Similar provisions are contained in LD 967 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part B requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules for reimbursement rates for certain home and community based services for the elderly and adults with physical disabilities and provides a General Fund appropriation and Other Special Revenue and Federal Fund allocation to fund an increase in those rates effective July 1, 2018. Similar provisions are contained in LD 643 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part C repeals the provision of law requiring the State Controller to make a one-time transfer of \$12,202,104 in fiscal year 2018-19 from the General Fund to the Reserve for County Jail Operations program Other Special Revenue account and replaces the Other Special Revenue allocation with a General Fund appropriation to the County Jails Operation Fund program beginning in fiscal year 2018-19.

Public Law 2017, chapter 459 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2018.

**LD 925      An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing  
Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of  
State Government**

**PUBLIC 460  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D	OTP-AM	H-791

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This emergency bill proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-791)**

This amendment replaces the bill.

Part A provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to add 50 members a month, beginning October 1, 2018, from the waiting list for community-based services provided under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 21 relating to home and community benefits for members with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder until 300 new members in total have been added.



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Part B does the following:

1. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to base a nursing facility's base year, for state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2019, on the most recent cost reports available except that any rebasing may not result in a reimbursement rate that is lower than that in effect on June 30, 2018;
2. Requires the department to amend its rules to increase rates for adult family care services, adult day services, homemaker services, nursing facilities and residential care facilities, specifies the amount of the rate increases, requires future cost-of-living increases and provides funding to the department for the rate increases;
3. Requires the cost-of-living increases to continue for adult family care services, adult day services and homemaker services until the completion of a rate study conducted by a third party; and
4. Establishes the "Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues."

Part C provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education in fiscal year 2018-19 to establish reimbursement rates and increase existing reimbursement rates in the Department of Health and Human for children's habilitative services and specialized children's habilitative services.

Part D provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to increase certain reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2018 to reflect a 2% increase over rates in fiscal year 2008-09.

Part E provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for a 15% rate increase for the medication management services provided under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services.

Part F addresses the opiate crisis in Maine by:

1. Allowing funds from property forfeited pursuant to a criminal forfeiture action to be assigned by the court, upon the request of the investigating or prosecuting agency, to a law enforcement agency in this State that provides case management and other social services to persons with substance use disorders;
2. Adding in the Maine Criminal Code new variants of aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs that include trafficking in scheduled drugs when the trafficked scheduled drug was a contributing factor in the death of another person, a Class A crime, or serious bodily injury of another person, a Class B crime;
3. Clarifying that the Class B crimes of aggravated furnishing of scheduled drugs and aggravated trafficking or furnishing of counterfeit drugs are for the death of another person, whose death was caused by a drug furnished by the defendant;
4. Making aggravated trafficking in fentanyl powder a Class A crime; and
5. Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program, including the number of prescribers participating and trends in prescription practices.

Part G does the following:

1. Establishes a "hub-and-spoke" system for the treatment and recovery for those with substance use disorder to be supported by the Department of Health and Human Services;

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2. Requires that the department must assess opportunities for federal funding and provide grants for training when funding is available;
3. Requires the department to support the development of a plan to create a statewide resource and referral center for substance use disorder treatment and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by February 1, 2019; and
4. Provides appropriations and allocations for the hub-and-spoke system and to support associated provider training.

Part H provides one-time additional funding for the provision of assisted living services at facilities currently operating at a loss. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a review of possible ways to stabilize funding for affordable assisted living facilities that contract with the office of aging and disability services within the Department and to report back with its recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 11, 2019.

Part I requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates for multisystemic therapy, multisystemic therapy for problem sexualized behavior and functional family therapy by 20% until June 30, 2019 and to contract for a third-party rate study of the reimbursement rates for those therapies. The department is authorized to implement new rates through rulemaking as long as the rates are no lower than those that exist on April 1, 2018, and the rates are approved by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This part also provides appropriations and allocations for the rate increase and the required study.

Part J provides additional funding for the Judicial Department to establish a new drug court in the State for up to 30 participants or to expand by up to 30 the number of participants served by existing drug courts in the State. It also provides funding for the case management and ancillary services provided to drug court participants by the office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Part K allows employees at state correctional facilities that close who have not reached their normal retirement age to retire and receive their full retirement benefit if certain conditions are met and funding is appropriated for the additional actuarial costs that result from the elimination of a reduction for retirement prior to normal retirement age. It also requires the Commissioner of Department of Corrections to notify the retirement system of the date of closure and provides for the funding for the unfunded actuarial liability of the additional retirement benefits to be provided through a one-time increase Department's employer contribution rate.

Part L establishes the Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services to examine the national trends and relevant models of governing and delivering early childhood special education systems and the short-term and long-term costs and benefits to the Department of Education's proposed plan to restructure the Child Development Services System and to make recommendations for an early childhood special education services program plan. An appropriations and allocations section is included to provide \$3,700,000 in the second year of the biennium to address the Child Development Services System budgetary shortfall.

Part M establishes a residential housing lead abatement program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to municipalities and to housing units and housing projects that meet specified eligibility standards. Priority for lead abatement projects funded by the program is given to residences occupied by children who have tested positive for lead poisoning. The program is funded by a one-time allocation of \$4,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

Part N restores funding on a one-time basis to Maine's school-based health centers to the level of funding provided

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in fiscal year 2016-17 and allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature providing ongoing funding to school-based health centers.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 460 does the following.

Part A provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to add 50 members a month, beginning October 1, 2018, from the waiting list for community-based services provided under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 21 relating to home and community benefits for members with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder until 300 new members in total have been added. Similar provisions are contained in LD 323 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part B does the following:

1. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to base a nursing facility's base year, for state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2019, on the most recent cost reports available except that any rebasing may not result in a reimbursement rate that is lower than that in effect on June 30, 2018;
2. Requires the department to amend its rules to increase rates for adult family care services, adult day services, homemaker services, nursing facilities and residential care facilities, specifies the amount of the rate increases, requires future cost-of-living increases and provides funding to the department for the rate increases;
3. Requires the cost-of-living increases to continue for adult family care services, adult day services and homemaker services until the completion of a rate study conducted by a third party; and
4. Establishes the "Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues."

Provisions similar to Part B are contained in LD 1466 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part C provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education in fiscal year 2018-19 to establish reimbursement rates and increase existing reimbursement rates in the Department of Health and Human for children's habilitative services and specialized children's habilitative services. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1820 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part D provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to increase certain reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2018 to reflect a 2% increase over rates in fiscal year 2008-09. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1517 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part E provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for a 15% rate increase for the medication management services provided under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65: Behavioral Health Services. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1737 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part F addresses the opiate crisis in Maine by:

1. Allowing funds from property forfeited pursuant to a criminal forfeiture action to be assigned by the court, upon the request of the investigating or prosecuting agency, to a law enforcement agency in this State that provides case management and other social services to persons with substance use disorders;

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2. Adding in the Maine Criminal Code new variants of aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs that include trafficking in scheduled drugs when the trafficked scheduled drug was a contributing factor in the death of another person, a Class A crime, or serious bodily injury of another person, a Class B crime;
3. Clarifying that the Class B crimes of aggravated furnishing of scheduled drugs and aggravated trafficking or furnishing of counterfeit drugs are for the death of another person, whose death was caused by a drug furnished by the defendant;
4. Making aggravated trafficking in fentanyl powder a Class A crime; and
5. Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program, including the number of prescribers participating and trends in prescription practices.

Provisions similar to Part F are contained in LD 1429 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Part G does the following:

1. Establishes a "hub-and-spoke" system for the treatment and recovery for those with substance use disorder to be supported by the Department of Health and Human Services;
2. Requires that the department must assess opportunities for federal funding and provide grants for training when funding is available;
3. Requires the department to support the development of a plan to create a statewide resource and referral center for substance use disorder treatment and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by February 1, 2019; and
4. Provides appropriations and allocations for the hub-and-spoke system and to support associated provider training.

Provisions similar to Part G are contained in LD 1430 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part H provides one-time additional funding for the provision of assisted living services at facilities currently operating at a loss. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a review of possible ways to stabilize funding for affordable assisted living facilities that contract with the office of aging and disability services within the Department and to report back with its recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 11, 2019. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1742 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Part I requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates for multisystemic therapy, multisystemic therapy for problem sexualized behavior and functional family therapy by 20% until June 30, 2019 and to contract for a third-party rate study of the reimbursement rates for those therapies. The department is authorized to implement new rates through rulemaking as long as the rates are no lower than those that exist on April 1, 2018 and the rates are approved by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This part also provides appropriations and allocations for the rate increase and the required study. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1868 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

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Part J provides additional funding for the Judicial Department to establish a new drug court in the State for up to 30 participants or to expand by up to 30 the number of participants served by existing drug courts in the State. It also provides funding for the case management and ancillary services provided to drug court participants by the office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Part K allows employees at state correctional facilities that close who have not reached their normal retirement age to retire and receive their full retirement benefit if certain conditions are met and funding is appropriated for the additional actuarial costs that result from the elimination of a reduction for retirement prior to normal retirement age. It also requires the Commissioner of Department of Corrections to notify the retirement system of the date of closure and provides for the funding for the unfunded actuarial liability of the additional retirement benefits to be provided through a one-time increase Department's employer contribution rate. Similar provisions are contained in LD 177 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Part L establishes the Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services to examine the national trends and relevant models of governing and delivering early childhood special education systems and the short-term and long-term costs and benefits to the Department of Education's proposed plan to restructure the Child Development Services System and to make recommendations for an early childhood special education services program plan. An appropriations and allocations section is included to provide \$3,700,000 in the second year of the biennium to address the Child Development Services System budgetary shortfall. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1870 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and Senate Amendment "A" thereto.

Part M establishes a residential housing lead abatement program administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to municipalities and to housing units and housing projects that meet specified eligibility standards. Priority for lead abatement projects funded by the program is given to residences occupied by children who have tested positive for lead poisoning. The program is funded by a one-time allocation of \$4,000,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1542 as amended by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

Part N restores funding on a one-time basis to Maine's school-based health centers to the level of funding provided in fiscal year 2016-17 and allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature providing ongoing funding to school-based health centers. Similar provisions are contained in LD 1710 as amended by a majority vote of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and House Amendment "A".

Public Law 2017, chapter 460 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2018.

**LD 953      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the      ONTP**  
**Biomass Industry**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide support for the biomass industry in this State through the establishment of a revolving loan fund for capital investment in biomass generators or similar facilities. The fund is administered by the Public Utilities Commission.

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**LD 955      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the  
Municipal Investment Trust Fund**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)  
DESCHAMBAULT S  
SPEAR J

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide funds to recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure.

**LD 964      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal  
Culverts at Stream Crossings**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)  
FREDETTE K  
DAVIS P

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to enhance and restore rivers, streams and fish and wildlife habitats and to allow communities to better prepare for extreme storms and floods.

Certain provisions of this bill are contained in LD 1815 as enacted.

**LD 1118      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Local  
Infrastructure**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)  
HERBIG E

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to provide funding to the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to support local infrastructure projects.

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**LD 1163     An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for  
a Program of Student Debt Payment and To Provide for the  
Establishment of That Program**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM ONTP OTP-AM	S-336

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over as unfinished business in the House from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session. It was then recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in the Second Regular Session. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$250,000,000, will be used to fund student debt cancellation and refinancing. The bill also establishes the Student Debt Cancellation and Refinancing Program within the Finance Authority of Maine for administration of the funds provided by the bond issue and to provide eligible applicants debt cancellation of half of their nonfederal student debt and debt refinancing of their outstanding nonfederal student debt.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-336)**

This amendment strikes the bill and instead:

1. Requires a General Fund bond obligation in the amount of \$40,000,000 for a program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine to provide funds for payment of student loan debt for individuals who agree to live and work in Maine for 5 years and to reimburse employers that make student loan debt repayments on behalf of their employees who agree to live and work in Maine for 5 years; and
2. Establishes the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Program and the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Fund and requires the Finance Authority of Maine to adopt major substantive rules to implement the program and submit the rules to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-337)**

This amendment, which is one of two minority reports of the committee, strikes the bill and instead:

1. Requires a General Fund bond obligation in the amount of \$25,000,000 for a program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine to provide funds for payment of student loan debt for individuals who agree to live and work in Maine for five years and to reimburse employers that make student loan debt repayments on behalf of their employees who agree to live and work in Maine for five years; and
2. Establishes the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Program and the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Fund and requires the Finance Authority of Maine to adopt major substantive rules to implement the program and submit the rules to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

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**LD 1330    An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Facilitate Innovative Approaches to Regional School Facilities and To Establish the Maine Innovative Regional School Facilities Finance Program** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the development of multidistrict, consolidated and integrated prekindergarten through 16 school facilities. Part B establishes the Maine Innovative Regional School Facilities Finance Program to promote efficient capital financing activities for innovative regional school facilities projects. It also establishes the Innovative Regional School Facilities Revolving Fund to support local efforts related to the program.

**LD 1331    An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools for renovation and capital repairs.

**LD 1509    An Act To Prohibit Retired State Employees and Teachers from Returning to Work While Collecting Retirement Benefits** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON H MASON G	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138.

This bill prohibits retired state employees or retired teachers from returning to employment after retirement, either as a state employee or as a teacher, while collecting retirement benefits from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. This prohibition does not apply to retired state employees or retired teachers who are hired as independent contractors pursuant to a service contract lasting less than one year or as a substitute teacher.



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**LD 1510 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K	OTP-AM ONTP	H-800

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to fund the replacement of malfunctioning septic systems, wastewater treatment facility planning, construction grants and hydrographic modeling in coastal watersheds, prioritizing areas with high-value shellfish resources, and assistance to homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-800)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title, reduces the funds provided to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction Grants program by \$20,000,000 and changes the timing for the referendum.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 425 provides for a bond issue of \$30,000,000 to be used to fund the replacement of malfunctioning septic systems, wastewater treatment facility planning, construction grants and hydrographic modeling in coastal watersheds, prioritizing areas with high-value shellfish resources, and assistance to homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems.

The bond issue is subject to voter approval at a statewide election to be held in November, 2018.

**LD 1511 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Protection of Public Health and Marine Resources and To Achieve Cost Savings in State Facilities Owned by the Department of Marine Resources**

**Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,373,000, will be used to protect public health while preserving access to marine resources for commercial and recreational harvest, ensure effective enforcement of the marine resources laws and achieve cost savings at state facilities of the Department of Marine Resources.

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**LD 1562      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Capitalize a Career and Technical Revolving Equipment and Renovation Fund      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

Part A provides funds in the amount of \$10,000,000, to be used to capitalize a career and technical revolving equipment and renovation fund to purchase equipment for and make capital improvements to state career and technical education centers and regions. Part B establishes the Maine Career and Technical Education Finance Program to promote efficient capital financing activities for the equipment for and renovation and repair of career and technical education facilities. It also establishes the Career and Technical Education Revolving Fund to support local efforts related to the program.

**LD 1586      An Act To appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery      Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON D HILL D	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138.

This bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery to construct a breakwater, dock and gangway.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-614)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It moves the one-time appropriation to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery to construct a breakwater, dock and gangway from fiscal years 2017-18 to 2018-19.

**LD 1602      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Agricultural Water Resource Development and Marketing      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAREAN D		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

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The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$3,150,000, will be used for sustainable agricultural water sources and irrigation system development and for necessary renovations to the State of Maine Building at the Eastern States Exposition.

**LD 1613      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist in the Commercialization of Maine Products and Services** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A MASTRACCIO A	OTP-AM ONTP	S-335

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. Committee amendment "A" (S-335), which increased the amount of the bond, was the majority report of the committee and was subsequently adopted in both houses but with different House and Senate amendments. It was then carried over as unfinished business in the House from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. It was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in the Second Regular Session. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to further accelerate growth and capital investment in businesses in the State by leveraging private investment for the purpose of generating new revenue and providing new jobs.

**LD 1614      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Program** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A FECTEAU R		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used by the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to provide loans in amounts up to \$7,500 per year for a maximum of five years to selected students in this State pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of science, computer science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

**LD 1649      An Act To Provide Funding for Geographic Information System Services** **PUBLIC 315 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J	OTP	

This bill provides funding to agencies to pay for services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Geographic Information Systems and Maine Library of Geographic Information.

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**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 315 provides funding to agencies to pay for services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Geographic Information Systems and Maine Library of Geographic Information.

Public Law 2017, chapter 315 was enacted as an emergency measure effective October 31, 2017.

**LD 1653 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers**

**PUBLIC 439**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R	OTP-AM ONTP	S-366

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill provides that service retirement benefits for a Capitol Police officer in the employment of the Department of Public Safety must be computed on the basis of all of the member's creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-366)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes technical drafting changes to the bill. It also makes clear that the provisions of the bill apply only to those Capitol Police officers employed in that capacity as of the effective date of the legislation.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 439 provides that service retirement benefits for a Capitol Police officer in the employment of the Department of Public Safety as of the effective date of this public law must be computed on the basis of all of the member's creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned and provides an appropriation to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to fund the associated costs.

**LD 1760 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Acquire Significant Historic Properties for Resale and Rehabilitation**

**Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R		

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$1,050,000, will be used to provide funds to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to capitalize the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund for the purpose of acquiring significant historic properties for resale and rehabilitation.

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**LD 1815    An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve  
Multimodal Facilities, Highways and Bridges and Municipal Culverts**

**PUBLIC 467**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J	OTP-AM	S-531

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-531)**

This amendment authorizes the issuance of \$1,000,000 in General Fund bonds for improvements to, and remediation of, the Maine Maritime Academy's waterfront pier in Castine and \$5,000,000 in General Fund bonds for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 467 provides for a bond issue totaling \$106,000,000 with \$100,000,000, to be used for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds; and \$5,000,000 to be used for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings.

The bond issue is subject to voter approval at a statewide election to be held in November, 2018.

**LD 1834    An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide for Student  
Loan Debt Relief**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GROHMAN M		

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for zero-interest student loans and loan consolidation or refinancing interest rate reductions for certain Maine residents who agree to live and work in Maine for at least five years. The bill creates the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Program. Under the program, zero-interest loans up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of five years are available to certain Maine residents who study at qualified in-state institutions of higher education and agree to live and work in Maine for at least five years following graduation. Loans bearing an annual interest rate of the prime rate of interest plus 2% are available to those who do not live and work in the State upon graduation. The Finance Authority of Maine may provide interest rate reduction payments to residents who use the authority's existing loan consolidation and refinancing program. This option is available to individuals who studied

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in Maine or outside of Maine and agree to live and work in Maine for at least five years. The bill exempts from Maine income tax any benefits received under the program to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and prohibits individuals who have received benefits under the program from receiving the Maine educational opportunity tax credit.

**LD 1867      An Act To Reestablish Certain Positions within the Department of Health and Human Services      Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHACE P	ONTP OTP	

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill establishes eight positions in the Department of Health and Human Services to replace positions that were eliminated by Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part ZZZZZZ, section 9.

**LD 1883      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen School Security      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COREY P DIAMOND B		

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to strengthen school security. The bill establishes the Maine School Security Enhancement Fund to provide loans to school administrative units to enhance security in schools and provides \$19,500,000 to the fund for this purpose. The bill also creates a school safety center within the Department of Education and provides \$500,000 for this purpose.

**LD 1907      Resolve, To Continue a Review of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Plan      RESOLVE 57 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>

This resolve was reported by the committee pursuant to Joint Rule 353.

This resolve directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, within their existing resources, to continue the working group to evaluate and design retirement plan options for all state employees and teachers. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System is directed to submit the final recommendation of the working group, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters by December 1, 2019.

**Enacted Law Summary**

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Resolve 2017, chapter 57 directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, within their existing resources, to continue the working group to evaluate and design retirement plan options for all state employees and teachers. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System is directed to submit the final recommendation of the working group, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters by December 1, 2019.

Resolve 2017, chapter 57 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 2, 2018.

**LD 1908     An Act To Increase Funding in the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)  
HAMPER J

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Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748. This bill was not referred to committee.

Part A transfers \$5,000,000 from Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Part B transfers \$20,000,000 from the Personal Services line category in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Salary Plan program, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund and transfers \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Part C transfers \$2,231,089 in settlement funds received pursuant to an assurance of discontinuance in the matter of Moody's Corporation, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Moody's Analytics, Inc. to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Part D transfers \$6,362,226 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Part E credits interest earned on the investments of the General Fund and special revenue funds to replenish the Disaster Recovery Fund, subject to its existing statutory cap, and the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

**LD 1925     An Act To Provide Funding for the Conduct of Elections**

**Veto Sustained**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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ONTP

H-812    GATTINE D

This bill, which is the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, provides additional one-time funds to the Secretary of State for the administration of the general election in November 2018 due to the need to include a separate ballot page.

**House Amendment "A" (H-812)**

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

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