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An Act to Improve Localization of Emergency Broadcast Messaging

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.

1 **Emergency preamble.** **Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas**, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next
4 fiscal year; and

5 **Whereas**, emergency alert messaging on the statewide radio network operated by the
6 Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation benefits Maine residents in all 16 counties, and
7 state funding in this legislation will enable localization of public safety information and
8 emergency alert messaging on the statewide radio network; and

9 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

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

14 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
15 allocations are made.

16 **PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, MAINE**

17 **Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation 0033**

18 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for broadcast infrastructure equipment to enable
19 localization of public safety information and emergency alert messaging on the statewide
20 radio network operated by the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

21 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
22 All Other	\$600,000	\$0
24 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$0

25 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
26 takes effect when approved.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill provides one-time funds for broadcast infrastructure equipment to enable
29 localization of public safety information and emergency alert messaging on the statewide
30 radio network operated by the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.