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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Joseph Baldacci, Senate Chair
Representative Michele Meyer, House Chair MM (Ans)
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

DATE: May 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Governor's Change Package for LD 258

The Health and Human Services Committee is pleased to provide its recommendations on the Governor's change package on the biennial budget. Please see the attached packet with the vote counts on each initiative.

We have also attached our recommended amendment for language Part TTTT. This amended language was agreed to by the Office of Behavioral Health within DHHS, the Office of the Attorney General and Disability Rights Maine.

Please also note that Senator Baldacci was not available today for the voting portion of the Committee's discussion on the Governor's change package (hence the lack of signature).

Amended language for Pt TTTT

PART TTTT

Sec. TTTT-1. 34-B MRSA §1218-A, is enacted to read:

§1218-A. Baxter Counseling Services Program

The Baxter Counseling Services Program referred to in this section as “the program” is established within the department to facilitate the delivery of counseling services for eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf without cost to individuals. Services facilitated under this program will be limited to therapeutic counseling services for former eligible students. The department shall ensure that counseling services provided under this program are reimbursed under the MaineCare program to the maximum extent possible.

1. Eligibility Established. Eligibility for counseling services under the program will be limited to individuals who were former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf who attended or graduated prior to July 1, 2001

2. Facilitation of Counseling Services. The department shall facilitate services through a limited number of contracts with mental health providers who specialize in services for deaf, hard of hearing, and late deafened. New contracts entered into with providers who do not have contracts with the state as of the effective date of this language will be required to enroll as a MaineCare provider. The department shall provide general fund contracts for counseling services for individuals who do not receive MaineCare benefits or who are uninsured or underinsured, as the payer of last resort. The department shall assist providers navigating reimbursement under the MaineCare program. The department shall monitor contracts to ensure compliance related to program eligibility, MaineCare policy and department licensure requirements. Services funded through the program shall not exceed available funding annually of \$170,000.

3. Statutory Authority. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, this statute shall take precedence and control eligibility and services available to certain eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. 2002 P&S Law ch.12 is repealed.

**PART TTTT
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Baxter Counseling Services Program to facilitate the delivery of counseling services for eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and shall ensure that counseling services provided under this program are reimbursed under the MaineCare program to the maximum extent possible.

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Housing Authority, Maine State

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE - MSHA 0708

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program to help low-income homeowners and renters pay for electricity costs by providing a credit on their electric bills.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

7,500,000

7,500,000

Total

7,500,000

7,500,000

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

CHILD CARE SERVICES 0563 ✓

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Establishes allocation in the Child Care Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund for the Preschool Development Grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

7,760,179

5,619,014

Total

7,760,179

5,619,014

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

CONSENT DECREE Z204 ✓

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for mental health and substance use disorder services for uninsured clients to align with expected MaineCare rate increases under MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

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817,780

817,780

Total

817,780

817,780

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTRAL OPERATIONS 0142 ✓

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Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 6 Hearings Examiner positions to DHHS Hearings Officer positions retroactive to January 30, 2017 and for the approved reclassification of one Hearings Examiner position to a DHHS Hearings Officer position retroactive to March 2, 2018. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2023-24

2024-25

367,948

28,299

Total

367,948

28,299

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

24,793

39,088

All Other

598

943

Total

25,391

40,031

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Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - MAINECARE Z211

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	2,434,017	2,434,017
Total	<u>2,434,017</u>	<u>2,434,017</u>

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DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - MAINECARE Z211

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the <u>May 1, 2023 Revenue Forecasting</u> projections.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	2,460,537	2,460,537
Total	<u>2,460,537</u>	<u>2,460,537</u>

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - MAINECARE Z211

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of healthcare services from the Service Provider Tax under 36 MRSA section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

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12,416,299

Total

0

12,416,299

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

	CURRENT	
	2023-24	2024-25
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - SUPPORTS Z212		

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

	89,319	89,319
Total	<u>89,319</u>	<u>89,319</u>

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	2023-24	2024-25
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - SUPPORTS Z212		

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

	(19,840)	(19,840)
Total	<u>(19,840)</u>	<u>(19,840)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
All Other

	19,840	19,840
Total	<u>19,840</u>	<u>19,840</u>

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

DIVISION OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION Z036

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 6 Health Services Consultant positions to Health Services Consultant II positions, one Health Services Consultant II position to a Social Services Manager I position, one Health Facility Surveyor position to a Social Services Program Specialist II position, one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position, and one Secretary Specialist Supervisor to a Secretary Specialist Supervisor - Confidential position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

26,546

28,277

Total

26,546

28,277

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

41,498

44,197

All Other

1,001

1,066

Total

42,499

45,263

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT

DRINKING WATER ENFORCEMENT 0728 ✓

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for federal matching funds purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

3,500,000

3,500,000

Total

3,500,000

3,500,000

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DRINKING WATER ENFORCEMENT 0728

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding for matching purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loans for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment with any remaining funds to be used consistent with the Maine Drinking Water Fund established pursuant to Title 22, section 2610.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

3,500,000

3,500,000

Total

3,500,000

3,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

4,600,000

4,600,000

Total

4,600,000

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSULTATION PROGRAM Z280
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	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Reallocates one Social Services Manager I position and one Social Services Program Specialist II position from 100% General Fund in the Early Childhood Consultation Program to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Block Grant Fund in the same program. This initiative also transfers All Other funds from the General Fund to the Federal Block Grant Fund in the Early Childhood Consultation Program.		
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services	(107,711)	(113,615)
All Other	(1,422,375)	(1,493,017)
Total	(1,530,086)	(1,606,632)
 FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND		
Personal Services	107,711	113,615
All Other	1,431,570	1,502,673
Total	1,539,281	1,616,288

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

FOOD SUPPLEMENT ADMINISTRATION 2019

	2023-24	2024-25
<p>Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist I position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through June 14, 2025 and provides funding for the approved reorganization to a Senior Planner position. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.</p>		
<p>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</p>		
Personal Services	104,177	109,347
All Other	9,209	9,333
Total	113,386	118,680

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Initiative: Provides one-time funding for State-funded supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits within the Food Supplement Administration program.

	2023-24	2024-25
<p>GENERAL FUND</p>		
All Other	4,260,654	
Total	4,260,654	0

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

FORENSIC SERVICES Z203

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator III position and provides funding to establish the Forensics Fellowship Program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

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1,000

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152,539

160,652

196,537

196,537

Total

349,076

357,189

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

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HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM Z374

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager III position and one Social Services Program Manager position effective January 1, 2024 in the Housing First Program, General Fund to provide initial planning and administration for the delivery of support and stabilization services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to end chronic homelessness in the State.

GENERAL FUND

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

2,000

2,000

Personal Services

125,755

265,355

All Other

6,537

13,074

Total

132,292

278,429

No VOTE Required

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

IV-E FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0137 ✓

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster care treatment reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in Maine.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	19,330	20,296
Total	19,330	20,296
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
All Other	34,364	36,082
Total	34,364	36,082

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION 0143 ✓

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding to expand school-based oral health services in all Maine schools by January 1, 2025 pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 635.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

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578,713

897,356

Total

578,713

897,356

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH 0191

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Continues one Comprehensive Health Planner II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through June 14, 2025 and also provides funding for related All Other costs.		
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND		
Personal Services	110,136	115,533
All Other	9,352	9,483
Total	119,488	125,016

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Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

	CURRENT	
MEDICAID SERVICES - DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Z210		
	2023-24	2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

	(8,091)	(8,091)
Total	<u>(8,091)</u>	<u>(8,091)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	(2,859,255)	(2,859,255)
Total	<u>(2,859,255)</u>	<u>(2,859,255)</u>

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MEDICAID SERVICES - DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Z210		
	2023-24	2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

	(9,165)	(9,165)
Total	<u>(9,165)</u>	<u>(9,165)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	(2,822,083)	(2,822,083)
Total	<u>(2,822,083)</u>	<u>(2,822,083)</u>

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

MEDICAID SERVICES - DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES 2210

	2023-24	2024-25
<i>Began SPT in July</i>		
Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of healthcare services from the Service Provider Tax under 36 MRSA section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other		223,635
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Total	0	223,635
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other		(12,639,934)
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Total	0	(12,639,934)

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT

MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding as an initial investment toward broader reimbursement reform for acute care hospitals under Section 45 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual, to improve the transparency and accountability of hospital reimbursement, and the alignment of reimbursement with the cost, quality, and value of services.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2,090,373 4,180,746

Total 2,090,373 4,180,746

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

5,320,995 10,641,990

Total 5,320,995 10,641,990

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

All Other

88,632 177,264

Total 88,632 177,264

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MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Provides funding toward broader reimbursement reform for acute care hospitals under Section 45 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual, to improve the transparency and accountability of hospital reimbursement and to align reimbursement with the cost, quality, and value of services.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

6,271,119

Total 0 6,271,119

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

15,962,985

Total 0 15,962,985

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

All Other

265,896

Total 0 265,896

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MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147

2023-24 2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

1,591,475 1,591,475

Total 1,591,475 1,591,475

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

(1,591,475) (1,591,475)

Total (1,591,475) (1,591,475)

MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147 ✓

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 Revenue Forecasting projections.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	1,197,712	1,197,712
Total	<u>1,197,712</u>	<u>1,197,712</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	(1,197,712)	(1,197,712)
Total	<u>(1,197,712)</u>	<u>(1,197,712)</u>

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding for inpatient psychiatric and substance use disorder services rates pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 3, Part S.			
GENERAL FUND			
All Other		2,721,202	2,922,518
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Total		2,721,202	2,922,518
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
All Other		8,194,912	8,488,087
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Total		8,194,912	8,488,087
		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding to establish a High Fidelity Wraparound service for children.			
GENERAL FUND			
All Other			2,123,834
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Total		0	2,123,834
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
All Other			3,235,686
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Total		0	3,235,686
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND			
All Other			540,026
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Total		0	540,026
		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding for MaineCare coverage of community-based substance use disorder partial hospitalization services.			
GENERAL FUND			
All Other		112,723	151,696
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Total		112,723	151,696
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
All Other		479,880	638,260
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Total		479,880	638,260

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2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of healthcare services from the Service Provider Tax under 36 MRSA section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2,346,103

Total

0

2,346,103

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

(10,372,467)

Total

0

(10,372,467)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

(8,529,849)

Total

0

(8,529,849)

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Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please delete the following as follows:

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILD MEDICAID Z207 ✓

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

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	117,667	117,667
Total	117,667	117,667

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z198		
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	2023-24	2024-25
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Initiative: Provides funding for mental health and substance use disorder services for uninsured clients to align with expected MaineCare rate increases under MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

	2,271,064	2,271,064
	Total	2,271,064

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z198		
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	2023-24	2024-25
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Initiative: Provides funding for mental health and substance use disorder services for uninsured clients to align with expected MaineCare rate increases under MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

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	516,954	516,954
	Total	516,954

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z198 ✓

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND-ARP
All Other

430,648

Total

430,648

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY MEDICAID Z201

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of healthcare services from the Service Provider Tax under 36 MRSA section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

3,827,062

Total

0

3,827,062

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

(3,827,062)

Total

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(3,827,062)

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Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT

NURSING FACILITIES 0148

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

4,303,125

4,303,125

Total

4,303,125

4,303,125

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

(4,303,125)

(4,303,125)

Total

(4,303,125)

(4,303,125)

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NURSING FACILITIES 0148

2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 Revenue Forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2,408,850

2,408,850

Total

2,408,850

2,408,850

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

(2,408,850)

(2,408,850)

Total

(2,408,850)

(2,408,850)

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE 2020

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Family Independence Program Manager position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office for Family Independence program through June 14, 2025 to manage the summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.		
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services	54,990	58,082
All Other	3,269	3,269
Total	58,259	61,351
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	54,984	58,080
All Other	4,793	4,860
Total	59,777	62,940

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	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Family Independence Program Manager position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Office for Family Independence program through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.		
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services	54,990	58,082
All Other	3,269	3,269
Total	58,259	61,351
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	54,984	58,080
All Other	4,687	4,760
Total	59,671	62,840

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - CENTRAL 0307

2023-24

2024-25

initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Social Services Program Specialist I position to a Management Analyst II position, effective November 18, 2021. This position is funded 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program.

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2,738

2,995

Total

2,738

2,995

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

1,065

1,167

All Other

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Total

1,095

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - DISTRICT 0452

	2023-24	2024-25
<p>Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 47 Customer Representative Associate II - Human Services positions and the proposed reorganization of one Customer Representative Associate II position performing child protective services case aide duties in child welfare district offices to Child Protective Services Case Aide positions funded 79% General Fund and 21% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - District program.</p>		
<p>✓ IN 11-0</p>		
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services	156,964	153,417
Total	156,964	153,417
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	41,692	40,765
All Other	1,006	984
Total	42,698	41,749
	2023-24	2024-25
<p>Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Child Protective Services Caseworker position to a Social Services Program Specialist II position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.</p>		
<p>✓ IN 11-0</p>		
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services	3,121	3,121
Total	3,121	3,121
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	829	828
All Other	20	20
Total	849	848

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

OFFICE OF MAINECARE SERVICES 0129		2023-24	2024-25
<p>Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.</p>			
<p><i>✓ IN 7-4</i></p>			
GENERAL FUND			
Personal Services		49,860	52,701
All Other		3,269	3,269
Total		53,129	55,970
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
Personal Services		49,858	52,696
All Other		4,562	4,607
Total		54,420	57,303
		2023-24	2024-25
<p>Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I to a Public Service Coordinator II effective April 25, 2022 and provides funding for related All Other costs.</p>			
<p><i>✓ IN 8-3 mm position</i></p>			
GENERAL FUND			
Personal Services		3,714	3,851
Total		3,714	3,851
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
Personal Services		3,717	3,851
All Other		90	93
Total		3,807	3,944
		2023-24	2024-25
<p>Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Business Data Analytics Specialist position from 100% General Fund in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program and transfers funding for related All Other costs.</p>			
<p><i>✓ IN 8-3 mm</i></p>			
GENERAL FUND			
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		1,000	1,000
Personal Services		54,189	54,685
All Other		3,269	3,269
Total		57,458	57,954
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
Personal Services		54,184	54,681
All Other		4,655	4,667
Total		58,839	59,348

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT			
OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SRV-MEDICAID SEED Z202			
		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.			
GENERAL FUND			
All Other		347,997	347,997
	Total	347,997	347,997
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other		(347,997)	(347,997)
	Total	(347,997)	(347,997)

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OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SRV-MEDICAID SEED Z202			
		2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 Revenue Forecasting projections.			
GENERAL FUND			
All Other		304,872	304,872
	Total	304,872	304,872
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other		(304,872)	(304,872)
	Total	(304,872)	(304,872)

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SRV-MEDICAID SEED Z202		
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2023-24

2024-25

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of healthcare services from the Service Provider Tax under 36 MRSA section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

88,326

Total 0 88,326

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
All Other

(88,326)

Total 0 (88,326)

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Health and Human Services, Department of

OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES 2199

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Business Data Analytics Specialist position from 100% General Fund in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program and transfers funding for related All Other costs.		
GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	-1,000	-1,000
Personal Services	(108,373)	(109,366)
All Other	(6,537)	(6,537)
Total	(114,910)	(115,903)

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	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds to support 2 new adult drug treatment courts through a memorandum of understanding with the Maine Judicial Branch and for data collection through the Behavioral Health Services Information System agreement per the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. §290aa-4).		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	1,123,028	1,001,692
Total	1,123,028	1,001,692

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	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides funding for mental health and substance use disorder services for uninsured clients to align with expected MaineCare rate increases under MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	936,329	936,329
Total	936,329	936,329

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES 0228

	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides one-time funding for development and implementation of an online resource hub for parents as well as a communications campaign that will increase help seeking and resource sharing for parents who need support for parenting and other family needs as part of the State's Child Safety and Family Well Being Plan.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	750,000	
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Total	750,000	0

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	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Provides one-time funding for development and implementation of coordinated community based strategies for child safety and family well being as part of the State's Child Safety and Family Well Being Plan.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	335,000	
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Total	335,000	0

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Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Health and Human Services, Department of

Please amend as follows:

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RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES ASSESSMENT Z197		
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	2023-24	2024-25
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Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecasting projections.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	226,343	226,343
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	226,343	226,343
	Total	226,343

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RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES ASSESSMENT Z197		
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	2023-24	2024-25
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Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 Revenue Forecasting projections.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	370,711	370,711
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	370,711	370,711
	Total	370,711

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Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

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Health and Human Services, Department of

STATE-FUNDED FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0139	2023-24	2024-25
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Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster care treatment reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in Maine.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

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	80,541	84,568
Total	80,541	84,568

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 258 as follows:

Indigent Legal Services, Maine Commission on

Please amend as follows:

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MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES Z112		
	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Transfers 2 Paralegal positions, 4 Public Service Manager II positions and related All Other costs for reimbursements for assigned legal counsel from the Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund within the same program.		
GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
Personal Services	681,169	713,543
All Other	8,565,533	8,565,533
Total	9,246,702	9,279,076
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	-6,000	-6,000
Personal Services	(681,169)	(713,543)
All Other	(8,565,533)	(8,565,533)
Total	(9,246,702)	(9,279,076)

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MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES Z112		
	2023-24	2024-25
Initiative: Transfers 2 Paralegal positions, 4 Public Service Manager II positions and related All Other costs for reimbursements for assigned legal counsel from the Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund within the same program.		
GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		6,000
Personal Services		713,543
All Other		8,565,533
Total	0	9,279,076
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		-6,000
Personal Services		(713,543)
All Other		(8,565,533)
Total	0	(9,279,076)

LD 258 Change Package - Language Parts

Program Area	Part	Summary	Part Notes	HHS Vote	AFA Vote
DHHS Mgmt	XXXX ✓	This Part repeals the healthcare-related provisions of the Service Provider Tax in Title 36, Chapter 358 beginning January 1, 2025. In doing so, the bill also makes technical changes to the revenue sharing statute in Title 30-A as well as the revenue sharing provisions and tax records confidentiality statute in Title 36.	Multiple Initiatives in Part A	11-0	
DHHS Mgmt	AAAA ✓	This Part establishes the Housing First Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate the delivery of stabilization and support services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to persons who have been chronically homeless and to fund technical assistance, administered by the Maine State Housing Authority, for the development of housing consistent with the program. This Part requires the department to ensure that fund supplements existing and future services provided under programs like MaineCare and the Housing Outreach and Member Engagement Program is funded from the real estate transfer tax by depositing half of the funds that would otherwise be deposited into the Housing First Fund created by this Part. This Part also directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine State Housing Authority to jointly adopt rules to administer the program and requires them to report annually to the Joint Standing or Joint Select Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the program. This Part also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to align certain federal programs with the Housing First model.	Acct Z374 - Pg. 61	X	
DHHS Mgmt	GGGG ✓	This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer savings incurred from the increase in FMAP per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, section 9817, from various General Fund MaineCare Program accounts to the Home and Community Based Services - ARP Savings Program, in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program and the Office of MaineCare Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds.		11-0	
DHHS Mgmt	HHHH ✓	This Part updates the date in the reference to the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding the Use of Settlement Funds in the Maine Recovery Council statute.		11-0	
DHHS Mgmt	MMMM ✓	This Part requires transfers to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Human Services for federal matching funds purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment with any remaining funds to be used consistent with the Maine Clean Water Fund and the Maine Drinking Water Fund. This Part also authorizes the carry forward of unspent balances of any General Fund appropriations made to the Water Quality program in the Department of Environmental Protection or the Drinking Water Enforcement program in the Department of Health and Human Services.		11-0	
DHHS Mgmt	TTTT ✓	This Part codifies the Baxter Counseling Services Program to facilitate the delivery of counseling services for eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and shall ensure that counseling services provided under this program are reimbursed under the MaineCare program to the maximum extent possible.		11-0	
DHHS Mgmt	UUUU ✓	This Part increases the payment limit for the Family Caregiver Grant Pilot Program from \$2,000 annually to \$5,171 annually. This Part also identifies that \$500,000 may be used to expand marketing efforts and eligibility staff capacity, and therefore expand the program's participation.		11-0	
DHHS Mgmt	VVVV ✓	This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of Personal Services appropriations to All Other in the Office for Family Independence program and the Office for Family Independence - District program for technology and related services for the 2024-2025 biennium.		11-0	

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DHH Mgmt	WWW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This Part requires the State Comptroller to transfer funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund. This Part also transfers the first \$20 million in unencumbered balances from MaineCare account to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund at the close of fiscal year 2023 and the first \$28.5 million at the close of fiscal year 2024.		IN 11-0	
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Language for Governor's Change Package to LD 258 – GF Biennial Budget 2024-2025

HHS Items ONLY

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART XXX

Sec. XXX-1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5, as amended by P.L. 2021, c. 398, Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Transfers to funds. No later than the 10th day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer to the Local Government Fund 5% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, except that for fiscal years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 the amount transferred is 2%, for fiscal year 2019-20 the amount transferred is 3%, for fiscal year 2020-21 the amount transferred is 3.75% and for fiscal year 2021-22 the amount transferred is 4.5% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, and except that the postage, state cost allocation program and programming costs of administering state-municipal revenue sharing may be paid by the Local Government Fund.

Beginning January 1, 2025, no later than the 10th day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer to the Local Government Fund 5% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes imposed under Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1-A, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction except that the postage, state cost allocation program and programming costs of administering state-municipal revenue sharing may be paid by the Local Government Fund.

A percentage share of the amounts transferred to the Local Government Fund each month must be transferred to the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund and distributed pursuant to subsection 4-B as follows:

- C. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2009 but before July 1, 2010, 15%;
- D. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2010 but before July 1, 2011, 16%;
- E. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2011 but before July 1, 2012, 17%;
- F. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2012 but before July 1, 2013, 18%;
- G. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2013 but before July 1, 2014, 19%; and
- H. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2014, 20%.

Sec. XXX-2. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶R, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 211, Pt. A, §8 is further amended to read:

R. The disclosure to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Financial and Personnel Services of information relating to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by chapter ~~358~~, chapter 373, chapter 375 and chapter 377 for the purposes of administration of those taxes and the financial accounting and revenue forecasting of those taxes;

Sec. XXX-3. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-A, as amended by P.L. 2007, c. 539, Pt. DDD, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-4. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-B, as amended by P.L. 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §§136-37, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-5. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-G, as amended by P.L. 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §§136-37, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-6. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-H, as enacted by P.L. 2013, c. 368, Pt. OOOO, §1, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-7. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§2-A, as enacted by P.L. 2017, c. 257, §2 is amended to read:

2-A. Customer. “Customer” means a person who purchases one or more services subject to tax under section 2552, ~~subsection 1~~.

Sec. XXX-8. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§7-B, as amended by P.L. 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §138, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-9. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§10, as amended by P.L. 2015, c. 300, Pt. A, §30, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-10. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§11, as corrected by R.R. 2015, c. 2, §24, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-11. 36 MRSA §2552, sub-§1, as amended by P.L. 2015, c. 267, Pt. TTTT, §§3 and 9, and P.L. 2015, c. 300, Pt. A, §32, is further amended to read:

1. Rate. Effective January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2025, a tax at the rate of 6% is imposed on the value of the following services sold in this State:

- A. Cable and satellite television or radio services;
- B. Fabrication services;
- C. Rental of video media and video equipment;
- D. Rental of furniture, audio media and audio equipment pursuant to a rental-purchase agreement as defined in Title 9-A, section 11-105;

- E. Telecommunications services;
- F. The installation, maintenance or repair of telecommunications equipment;
- G. Private nonmedical institution services;
- H. Community support services for persons with mental health diagnoses;
- I. Community support services for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism;
- J. Home support services;
- L. Ancillary services; and
- M. Group residential services for persons with brain injuries.

Sec. XXX-12. 36 MRSA §2552, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Rate. Effective January 1, 2025, a tax at the rate of 6% is imposed on the value of the following services sold in this State:

- A. Cable and satellite television or radio services;
- B. Fabrication services;
- C. Rental of video media and video equipment;
- D. Rental of furniture, audio media and audio equipment pursuant to a rental-purchase agreement as defined in Title 9-A, section 11-105;
- E. Telecommunications services;
- F. The installation, maintenance or repair of telecommunications equipment; and
- G. Ancillary services.

Sec. XXX-13. 36 MRSA §2559, as amended by P.L. 2021, c. 635, Pt. EE, §1, is further amended to read:

§2559. Application of revenues

Revenues derived by the tax imposed by this chapter must be credited to a General Fund suspense account. On or before the last day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer a percentage of the revenues received by the State Tax Assessor during the preceding month pursuant to the tax imposed by section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L to the Local Government Fund as provided by Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5. The balance remaining in the General Fund suspense account must be transferred to service provider tax General Fund revenue. On or before the 15th day of each month, the State Controller shall

transfer all revenues received by the assessor during the preceding month pursuant to the tax imposed by section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs G to J and M to the Medical Care Services Other Special Revenue Funds account, the Other Special Revenue Funds Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid program, the Medicaid Services - Adult Developmental Services program and the Office of Behavioral Health - Medicaid Seed program within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Beginning January 1, 2025, on or before the last day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer a percentage of the revenues received by the State Tax Assessor during the preceding month pursuant to the tax imposed by section 2552, subsection 1-A, to the Local Government Fund as provided by Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5. The balance remaining in the General Fund suspense account must be transferred to service provider tax General Fund revenue.

Sec. XXX-14. Application Date. This Part applies to sales on or after January 1, 2025.

PART XXX SUMMARY

This Part repeals the healthcare-related provisions of the Service Provider Tax in Title 36, Chapter 358 beginning January 1, 2025. In doing so, the bill also makes technical changes to the revenue sharing statute in Title 30-A as well as the revenue sharing provisions and tax records confidentiality statute in Title 36.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART AAAA

Sec. AAAA-1. 22 MRS §20-A is enacted to read:

§20-A. Housing First Program

1. Program established. The Housing First Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established in the department to facilitate the delivery of support and stabilization services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to address chronic homelessness in the State. Except as otherwise provided in this section, services facilitated under the program must be available on site, 24 hours a day and be designed to build independent living skills and connect individuals with community-based services. The department shall ensure that reimbursement under the MaineCare program is available to providers under the program to the maximum extent possible. For the purposes of this section, "chronic homelessness" means a situation in which a person is living in a place not meant for human habitation including emergency shelters for at least 12 months and for whom homelessness is correlated with a condition that makes accessing services and maintaining

housing a significant challenge such as substance use disorder or a behavioral health condition. Chronic homelessness includes a situation in which a person has been living intermittently in an institutional care facility, including but not limited to jail or a health treatment facility but is otherwise living in a place not met for human habitation.

2. Fund established. The Housing First Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a separate and distinct fund for accounting and budgetary reporting purposes in order to support the program. Funds distributed in accordance with this section must be used to supplement, not supplant, existing or future federal funding designed to provide services associated with Housing First programs including but not limited to MaineCare program and the Housing Outreach and Member Engagement Program administered by the department.

3. Sources of fund. The Treasurer of State shall credit to the fund:

A. All money received by the State in accordance with Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraph E-1;

B. Money from any other source, whether public or private, designated for deposit into or credited to the fund; and

C. Interest earned or other investment income on balances in the fund.

4. Distribution of funds. Beginning July 1, 2025, the department shall make distributions from the fund as described in this subsection.

A. Annually, the department shall deposit \$1 million from the to an account established for the purpose of providing funding for housing stability services described in subsection 5.

B. The department shall establish payment models as appropriate for the purpose of providing 24-hour, on-site supportive services to residents at housing first properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to persons who have been chronically homeless. Supportive services must include coordination with a Maine Care provider.

C. The department shall establish two permanent full-time positions in the department to assist providers with providing 24-hour, on-site supportive services and navigating reimbursement under the MaineCare program for those services.

D. The department shall annually determine the amount necessary to support the established payment models at each housing first property for services provided under the program in the current fiscal year and the anticipated amount needed to pay for 24-hour on-site services expected to be provided at each property in the next fiscal year. Funds in excess of those amounts must be transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority for the purposes of:

(1). Providing technical assistance to housing developers to help with capital and planning issues associated with developing properties consistent with the housing model described by the program and in subsection 5; and

(2). Developing affordable housing projects with a housing model described by the program and in subsection 5.

5. Housing Stability Services. The department shall establish a payment model to provide funds to pay for the costs of housing stability services provided to residents at housing first properties where supportive services are not necessarily provided on-site or 24 hours per day. Services funded under this subsection must be available to residents no less than 20 hours per week and must adequately meet the needs of the residents, to build independent living skills, to maintain housing and to access necessary community-based services. Housing stability services funded under this subsection may also include outreach to those who are chronically homeless for the purposes of establishing connections and providing support which may result in securing stable housing at a housing first property.

6. Rulemaking. The department and the Authority shall jointly adopt rules to administer the program. The rules must specify which elements of the program are administered by the department, which are administered by the Authority and which are administered jointly, if any. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

7. Report. Beginning on February 1st, 2025 the department and the authority shall submit a report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters to provide the committee with necessary data and information to evaluate the effectiveness of the housing first model. Initial reports submitted to the committee must provide an assessment of the number of housing units and the scope of services needed to serve those who are chronically homeless to serve as a baseline against which the effectiveness of the program and other services will be measured. Subsequent report must provide updates to that assessment in addition to the following:

A. An accounting of the services facilitated using money from the fund at properties which provide 24-hour on site services and properties which provide housing stability services described under subsection 5;

B. An accounting of services provided at housing first properties funded under Housing Outreach and Member Engagement Program and services reimbursed under MaineCare;

C. The number of residents served by the program and the number of months residents have avoided returning to homelessness or maintained stable housing;

E. The amount of money from the fund transferred to the authority pursuant to subsection 4, paragraph D to housing first properties that benefitted from technical assistance and development support from the fund and potential housing first properties yet to be developed which are seeking assistance from the authority; and

F. Information requested by the committee deemed necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Sec. AAAA-2. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 753, §1, is further amended to read:

E. In fiscal year 2015-16 and each fiscal year thereafter prior to fiscal year 2024-25, the Treasurer of State shall credit the revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A, subsection 1 in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to meet the authority's obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

(2) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first pay revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4863, until the amount paid equals the amount certified by the Maine State Housing Authority under subparagraph (1), after which the Treasurer of State shall credit any remaining revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund.

(3) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall credit 50% of the revenues to the Maine State Housing Authority, except that, notwithstanding paragraph F, in fiscal year 2015-16, the Treasurer of State shall first credit \$6,291,740 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund and except that, notwithstanding paragraph F, in fiscal year 2016-17, the Treasurer of State shall first credit \$6,090,367 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund and except that, notwithstanding paragraph F, in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Treasurer of State shall first credit \$2,500,000 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund. The Maine State Housing Authority shall deposit the funds received pursuant to this subparagraph in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in Title 30-A, section 4853. Beginning July 1, 2023, the Maine State Housing Authority shall use 25% of funds transferred to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund under this subparagraph to support the creation of new housing units, through new construction or adaptive reuse, that are affordable to low-income households.

Sec. AAAA-3. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. In fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Treasurer of State shall credit the revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A, subsection 1 in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to meet the authority's obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

(2) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first pay revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4863, until the amount paid equals the amount certified by the Maine State Housing Authority under subparagraph (1), after which the Treasurer of State shall credit half of any remaining revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund and half of any remaining

revenues available under this subparagraph to the Housing First Fund created in Title 22, section 265, subsection 2.

(3) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall credit 50% of the revenues to the Maine State Housing Authority. The Maine State Housing Authority shall deposit the funds received pursuant to this subparagraph in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in Title 30-A, section 4853. Beginning July 1, 2024, the Maine State Housing Authority shall use 25% of funds transferred to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund under this subparagraph to support the creation of new housing units, through new construction or adaptive reuse, that are affordable to low-income households.

Sec. AAAA-4. Department of Health and Human Services to apply for state plan amendments to align federal programs with Housing First model. Within 9 months of the effective date of this bill, the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for relevant state plan amendments for Section 13, Targeted Case Management and the Housing Outreach and Member Engagement Program within Section 91, Health Homes – Community Care Teams to maximize the alignment of these with the Housing First model. The Department will initiate rulemaking within 120 days of receiving state plan approval of the requested changes.

PART AAAA SUMMARY

This Part establishes the Housing First Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate the delivery of stabilization and support services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to persons who have been chronically homeless and to fund technical assistance, administered by the Maine State Housing Authority, for the development of housing consistent with the program. This Part requires the department to ensure that fund supplements existing and future services provided under programs like MaineCare and the Housing Outreach and Member Engagement Program is funded from the real estate transfer tax by depositing half of the funds that would otherwise be deposited into the General Fund into the Housing First Fund created by this Part. This Part also directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine State Housing Authority to jointly adopt rules to administer the program and requires them to report annually to the Joint Standing or Joint Select Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the program. This Part also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to align certain federal programs with the Housing First model.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART GGGG

Sec. GGGG-1. Transfer of federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 savings.

Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any provision of law to the contrary, until June 30, 2025, balances of appropriations in various General Fund accounts in the MaineCare programs within the Department of Health and Human Services that are available as part of the increased 10% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for MaineCare home and community-based services per the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Section 9817 may be transferred by financial order, upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program, Home and Community Based Services – ARP Savings Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Office of MaineCare Services program, Home and Community Based Services Admin - ARP Savings Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Health and Human Services to be used for federally authorized purposes.

**PART GGGG
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer savings incurred from the increase in FMAP per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, section 9817, from various General Fund MaineCare Program accounts to the Home and Community Based Services – ARP Savings Program, in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program and the Office of MaineCare Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART HHHH

Sec. HHHH-1. 5 MRSA §203-B is amended to read:

§203-B. Funds received pursuant to court orders or other settlements of opioid crisis litigation

Notwithstanding section 203-A and unless specifically ordered by the court to do otherwise, the Attorney General may work with the Treasurer of State to deposit identified revenue or money received as a result of any court order or other agreement resulting from litigation against, or any court settlement with, an opioid manufacturer, an opioid research association or any other person in the opioid industry relating to claims made by or prosecuted by the State into the Maine Recovery Fund described by the ~~Maine State Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds, dated and signed on January 26, 2022, including Schedule A, Core Strategies and Schedule B, Approved Uses, Memoranda of Understanding as defined in section 203-C,~~ for spending on approved uses as directed by the Maine Recovery Council as established in section 12004-I, subsection 94.

Sec. HHHH-1. 5 MRSA §203-C is amended to read:

§203-C. Maine Recovery Council

1. Definitions. As used in this section, and in section 203-B, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Approved uses" means the substance use disorder abatement purposes defined as "Approved Uses" in the ~~memorandum~~ Memoranda of Understanding.

B. "Maine Recovery Fund" means the fund described by the ~~memorandum~~ Memoranda of Understanding.

C. "Memoranda of Understanding" means the two agreements titled i) "Maine State Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds", originally dated and signed on January 26, 2022, and ii) "Maine State Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds 2023", originally dated and signed on May 2, 2023, as each may be amended from time to time, and each, ~~dated and signed on January 26, 2022,~~ including Schedule A, Core Strategies and Schedule B, Approved Uses.

2. Maine Recovery Council established. The Maine Recovery Council, as established in section 12004-I, subsection 94 and referred to in this section as "the council," shall direct the disbursement of funds within the Maine Recovery Fund for approved uses.

3. Membership. The council is composed of the 11 members identified by the Memoranda of Understanding and of 4 additional voting members as follows:

A. One member who is a medical professional with direct experience providing medication-assisted treatment, appointed by the President of the Senate;

B. One member representing reentry services for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals and their families, appointed by the President of the Senate;

C. One member representing a nonprofit community-based provider of mental health treatment, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

D. One member representing the harm reduction community, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

In making these appointments, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall endeavor to select individuals that reflect the racial, ethnic, gender and indigenous diversity of the State.

4. Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the council membership, the vacancy must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the term. For the purposes of reappointment, any partial term filled after a vacancy must be considered a full term

5. Report. The Attorney General shall, by February 1st of each year, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the activities of the council and the status of the Maine Recovery

Fund and listing information on disbursements from the fund and information related to the outcomes of funded activities.

PART HHHH SUMMARY

This Part updates the date in the reference to the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding the Use of Settlement Funds in the Maine Recovery Council statute.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART MMMM

Sec. MMMM-1. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§2, ¶K, is enacted to read:

K. Any balance remaining in the Drinking Water Enforcement program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use by this program in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

Sec. MMMM-2. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Department of Environmental Protection. Any All Other balance remaining in the Water Quality program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use by this program in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

Sec. MMMM-3. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Water Quality. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality, Other Special Revenue Funds account to maximize federal matching funds purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment and any remainder to be used consistent with the Maine Clean Water Fund established pursuant to Title 38, section 411-C.

Sec. MMMM-4. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Drinking Water Enforcements. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,200,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Water Enforcement, Other Special Revenue Funds account to maximize federal matching funds purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment and any remainder to be used consistent with the Maine Drinking Water Fund established pursuant to Title 22, section 2610.

**PART MMMM
SUMMARY**

This Part requires transfers to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Human Services for federal matching funds purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment with any remaining funds to be used consistent with the Maine Clean Water Fund and the Maine Drinking Water Fund. This Part also authorizes the carry forward of unspent balances of any General Fund appropriations made to the Water Quality program in the Department of Environmental Protection or the Drinking Water Enforcement program in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART TTTT

Sec. TTTT-1. 34-B MRSA §1218-A, is enacted to read:

§1218-A. Baxter Counseling Services Program

The Baxter Counseling Services Program referred to in this section as “the program” is established within the department to facilitate the delivery of counseling services for eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf without cost to individuals. Services facilitated under this program will be limited to therapeutic counseling services for former eligible students. The department shall ensure that counseling services provided under this program are reimbursed under the MaineCare program to the maximum extent possible.

1. Eligibility Established. Eligibility for counseling services under the program will be limited to individuals who: (1) were former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf whose alleged abused occurred prior to January 1, 2001, and who applied for Baxter Compensation Authority compensation by March 31, 2006 pursuant to 5 M.R.S. Ch. 601 (P.L. 2001, ch. 439, § T-5), repealed July 1, 2007; or (2) were former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf who did not apply for Baxter Compensation Authority compensation but who have received or continue to receive services from the department.

2. Facilitation of Counseling Services. The department shall facilitate services through contracts with mental health providers who specialize in services for deaf, hard of hearing, and late deafened, and who are enrolled as a MaineCare provider. The department may provide general fund contracts for services for uninsured individuals as the payer of last resort. The department shall assist providers navigating reimbursement under the MaineCare program. The department shall monitor contracts to

Anyone
who is
a former
student

ensure compliance related to program eligibility, MaineCare policy and department licensure requirements.

3. Statutory Authority. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, this statute shall take precedence and control eligibility and services available to certain eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. 2001 P&S Law ch.12 is repealed.

PART TTTT SUMMARY

This Part codifies the Baxter Counseling Services Program to facilitate the delivery of counseling services for eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and shall ensure that counseling services provided under this program are reimbursed under the MaineCare program to the maximum extent possible.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART UUUU

Sec. UUUU-1. PL 2021, c. 483, CC-3 is amended to read:

Sec. CC-3. Grant amounts. Under the pilot program, an eligible family caregiver who is not otherwise receiving payment for caring for the person in the caregiver's care may receive up to \$2,000 \$5,171 a year. Eligible family caregivers may choose annually to receive either the services specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 7308 or services under the pilot program.

Sec. UUUU-2. PL 2021, c. 483, CC-8 §1, under the caption "HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF" is amended to read:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to the Respite Care Fund within the department to provide family caregiver grants for the pilot program including up to \$500,000 for outreach costs associated with the pilot program.

PART UUUU SUMMARY

This Part increases the payment limit for the Family Caregiver Grant Pilot Program from \$2,000 annually to \$5,171 annually. This Part also identifies that \$500,000 may be used to expand marketing efforts and eligibility staff capacity, and therefore expand the program's participation.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART VVVV

Sec. VVVV-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Family Independence. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 only, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to transfer available balances of appropriations in the Personal Services line category in the Office for Family Independence program and the Office for Family Independence - District program after all financial commitments for salary, benefit, other obligations and budgetary adjustments have been made to the All Other line category in either the Office for Family Independence program or the Office for Family Independence - District program in order to provide for information technology and related services. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**PART VVVV
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of Personal Services appropriations to All Other in the Office for Family Independence program and the Office for Family Independence – District program for technology and related services for the 2024-2025 biennium.

Amend LD 258 by adding the following Part:

PART WWWW

Sec. WWWW-1. Transfer to MaineCare Stabilization. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-KK.

Sec. WWWW-2. Transfer to MaineCare Stabilization. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of fiscal year 2022-23, the State Controller shall transfer the first \$20,000,000 of the unencumbered balances in the MaineCare General Fund carrying accounts to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-KK.

Sec. WWWW-3. Transfer to MaineCare Stabilization. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of fiscal year 2023-24, the State Controller shall transfer the first \$28,500,000 of the unencumbered balances in the MaineCare General Fund carrying

accounts to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-KK.

**PART WWWW
SUMMARY**

This Part requires the State Controller to transfer funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund. This Part also transfers the first \$20 million in unencumbered balances from MaineCare account to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund at the close of fiscal year 2023 and the first \$28.5 million at the close of fiscal year 2024.

