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Language Part	Source: LR CP PC DEPT AFA	Committee	Description	AFA COMMITTEE VOTE	DATE OF AFA VOTE
E	LR	IFW	Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$39,500,000 to pay for the costs associated with the planning, design, renovation, abatement, construction, financing, furnishing, and equipping, of new and existing facilities to serve as a headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife		
F	LR	SLG	Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$34,050,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties		
G	LR	SLG	Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$37,000,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.		
I	CP	AFA	Updates statutes relevant to the General Fund appropriation limit to rebase the limit, simplify, and clarify the calculation. For the 2024-2025 biennium, the base for the appropriation limit calculation is reset at 98% of the baseline General Fund revenue projected by the Revenue Forecasting Committee as of December 1, 2022. Additionally, amendments are made to clarify how transfers to the Budget Stabilization Fund are to be handled when revenues exceed the appropriation limit or when the Budget Stabilization Fund has reached its statutory maximum.		
J	LR	IDEA	Changes the date after which a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business in a tier 1 location may not be certified from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2028. It changes the date that all Pine Tree Development Zone benefits are terminated from December 31, 2033 to December 31, 2038 and makes corresponding changes in several sections of law.		
J	CP	IDEA TAX	Creates the Dirigo business incentives credit program to provide a tax credit to qualified businesses. Provides an exemption from the requirement for confidentiality of tax records for information disclosed as part of certain reports to DECD and legislative committees regarding the Dirigo business incentives credit program. Extends the end date of the Pine Tree Development Zone program and associated provisions of statute by one year, and it repeals sections of statute regarding Pine Tree Recreation Zones. Ends the Maine Capital Investment credit January 1, 2025. Prohibits issuing a certificate of approval for employment tax increment financing after December 31, 2024 and provides for the end of employment tax increment financing benefits as of December 31, 2034.		
K	LR	AFA	Amends the funding of the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to reflect the retirement of the revenue bonds in fiscal year 2023 and directs the first \$7 million in profits received be deposited as undedicated revenue in the General Fund, for purposes of continuing to support state match toward certain water programs in the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection, and any additional profits be deposited as undedicated revenue in the Highway Fund. This Part also directs that any funds remaining in the Liquor Operations Revenue Fund, following the bond retirement, flow to the TransCap Trust Fund to pay towards the remaining debt service of the 2015A and 2021A bonds.		
P	LR	SLG	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division.		
Q	LR	SLG	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and data centers; purchase of enterprise software; modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data.		
R	LR	SLG	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of hardware, software and systems to support the operations of the Statewide Radio Network System Reserve Fund.		
U	LR	ACF	Changes the Deputy Director position from serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner to a classified, confidential position		
V	LR	ACF	Changes the position of Deputy Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands from one serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to a classified, confidential position		
EE	CP	SLG	Adds probation officers and other employees identified by the Commissioner of Corrections to those employees that may be assigned a state vehicle. Also updates the list of those employees that are authorized to use state vehicles for commuting between home and work.		
H	CP	CJPS	Authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer funds in Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditure line categories between accounts within the same fund by financial order for the purpose of paying departmental overtime expenses in the fiscal year of 2023-24 and 2024-25		
KK	CP	CJPS	Authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer, by financial order, between accounts within the same fund in the All Other line category for the purpose of paying food, heating and utility expenses in the fiscal year of 2023-24 and 2024-25		
SS	LR	IDEA	Transfers \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. The transfer provides funds for the Authority to continue funding the Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program.		
TT	CP	HOU	This Part requires the transfer of \$80,000,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, State Housing Authority program, Other Special Revenue account to expand housing options that are affordable to households through funding to the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program, the Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program and a new Innovation Fund for Attainable Housing. The change increases the transfer from \$30,000,000 to \$80,000,000.		
VV	LR	HHS	Caps temporary housing assistance under the General Assistance program provided through a hotel or motel at the federal per diem rates and limits temporary housing assistance to a maximum of 30 days for individuals who are not connected to appropriate services.		
XX	LR	HCIFS	Makes the Executive Director of the State-Based Marketplace within the Department of Health and Human Services a position appointed by the commissioner and which serves at the pleasure of the commissioner		
FFF	LR	HHS	Lapses unencumbered balance forward from eight specified General Fund accounts in the Department of Health and Human Services to the General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2023-24.		

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III	LR	IFW	Transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations program, General Fund account to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2023-24 and one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2024-25.		
JJJ	LR	JUD	Provides for a raise of 4.5% for judges and justices of the state courts in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 with the initial costs in each year of the biennium to be paid out of the Salary Plan program, General Fund account.		
KKK	LR	JUD	Amends the maximum amount of revenue per fiscal year that can be credited to the Judicial Branch Other Special Revenue account for capital expenditures.		
LLL	LR	JUD	Amends the active retired judge and justice per diem rates from \$350 to \$500 per day and from \$250 to \$300 per half day		
OOO	LR	TRA	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety to enter into financial arrangements in fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police. The financing authority for fiscal year 2023-24 includes the purchase of an armored vehicle.		
QQQ	LR	EDU	Transfers \$7,500,000 in each year of the biennium from unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System to provide 2 years of free community college for high school graduates in the classes of 2024 and 2025 who enroll in a Maine community college full-time		
QQQ-3	CP	EDU	Establishes eligibility and conditions for Maine Community College's 2-year free tuition program		
RRR	LR	TRA	Transfers \$100,000,000 in each year of the biennium from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital, Multimodal Transportation Fund and Highway Light Capital accounts.		
XXX	CP	HHS	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.		
YYY	CP	TAX	This Part revises income tax law to increase the base amount of the Child Care Credit (tax credit for child care expenses) from 25% to 50%; and removes references to an outdated applicable percentage.		
ZZZ	CP	TAX	Updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2022, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022 and for any prior tax year as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. It changes the Maine standard deduction, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, from an amount equal to the federal standard deduction to \$12,000 for single filers, \$18,000 for heads of households and \$24,000 for individuals filing married joint returns, subject to an inflation adjustment.		
AAAA	CP	HSG	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. It change statute so that half of the funds that would otherwise be deposited into the General Fund be deposited into the Housing First Fund . 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. It 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		
BBBB	CP	SLG / JUD	Transfer \$3,500,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Risk Management, Other Special Revenue account to pay attorneys' or other costs awarded by a court against the State, its departments, agencies, officers or employees, and settlements of attorneys' fees without court award in these cases, which are not otherwise insured against under a deductible or self-insured retention program.		
EEEE	CP	ACF	Transfers \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Statewide Hunger Relief program, Other Special Revenue account to grant to a Portland-based food security hub with partnerships or capacity for state-wide distribution for capital support to enable increasing production from 2,000 hot meals each day to 10,000 hot meals each day for homeless, sheltered or food insecure persons.		
FFFF	CP	ACF	Transfers \$1,500,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue account to provide one-time pandemic volatility payments to Maine milk producers who produced milk and reported production information to the Maine Milk Commission in the calendar year 2022 and are currently participating in the Maine Dairy Stabilization Program.		
GGGG	CP	HHS	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 until June 30, 2025		
IIII	CP	VLA	Transfers \$14,300,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Military Training & Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the design and construction of sustainment, restoration and modernization projects for Maine National Guard facilities. This funding will be matched with an estimated \$18.2 million in federal dollars.		

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JJJJ	CP	EDU	Provides that the Commissioner of Education may apply unexpended balances from another program's appropriated amount toward adjustments for English learner budgetary hardships and removes the requirement that a school administrative unit petitions the commissioner and demonstrates the budgetary hardship.		
KKKK	CP		This Part was intentionally left blank by the Bureau of the Budget		
MMMM-1	CP	HHS	Authorizes balances in the Drinking Water Enforcement Program General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward to be used for the same purpose		
MMMM-2	CP	ENR	Authorizes balances in the Water Quality Program General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward to be used for the same purpose		
MMMM-3	CP	ENR	Transfers \$12,800,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality, Other Special Revenue Funds account		
MMMM-4	CP	HHS	Transfers \$9,200,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the DHHS Drinking Water Enforcement, Other Special Revenue Funds account		
NNNN	CP	EUT	Amends the Federal Energy Programs section to clarify that federal energy programs support a wide array of energy activities within the state that may be overseen by entities other than Efficiency Maine Trust such as those overseen by the Maine State Housing Authority, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation and the Governor's Energy Office.		
OOOO	CP	SLG	Establishes the Community Resilience Partnership Program within the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to provide technical and financial assistance for local and regional planning and implementation projects consistent with the state's emissions reduction targets and state climate action plan.		
PPPP	CP	HCIFS	Authorizes the transfer of the uncommitted Personnel Services line category balance to the All Other line category in the Maine Health Data Organization in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.		
QQQQ	CP	LBHS / EUT	Allows the Maine State Housing Authority to utilize unobligated balances as of October 31, 2023 of funds provided for LIHEAP in the Supplemental Budget (PL 2023 c. 1) to be used for the Maine Housing Heat Pump Program or other energy related home improvement programs and requires that any unobligated balance be transferred the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund at the end of FY24		
RRRR	CP	HOU	Transfers \$12,000,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Emergency Housing Relief Fund program, Other Special Revenue account to provide funds for short-term emergency housing, legal services, and other wrap-around settlement support.		
SSSS	CP	LBHS / EUT	Transfers \$15,000,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance-MSHA, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the Low-Income Assistance Program to help low-income homeowners and renters pay for electricity costs by providing a credit on their electric bills. This funding will temporarily expand ratepayer eligibility for the Low-Income Assistance Program beyond the current 75% of the Federal Poverty Limit, pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission formal solicitation of public input.		
TTTT	CP	HHS	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		
UUUU	CP	HHS	Increases the payment limit for the Family Caregiver Grant Pilot Program from \$2,000 annually to \$5,171 annually and allows \$500,000 to be used to expand marketing efforts and eligibility staff capacity, and therefore expand the program's participation.		
VVVV	CP	HHS	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.		
WWWW-1	CP	HHS	Transfers \$6,500,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund		
WWWW-2&3	CP	HHS	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		
XXXX-1	CP	JUD	Removes the transfer of \$9,279,076 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Account in FY25 required under PL 2023 c. 17 in FY24.		
XXXX-2	CP	JUD	Removes the transfer of \$12,506,910 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Account in FY25 required under PL 2023 c. 17		
YYYY	CP	IFW	Transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Resource Management Services – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to provide matching funds for the construction of the Fryeburg shooting range.		
ZZZZ	CP	JUD	Increases the number of District Court judges by 3 headcount and Superior Court justices by 1 headcount.		
AAAAA	CP	LBHS	Returns the Director of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation to classified service when the position next becomes vacant.		
CCCCC	CP	LBHS	Transfers \$5 million in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Labor, Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account for a workforce attraction pilot for recent college graduates, career exploration to allow additional high school students the opportunity to have paid work experience, and recruitment and job-related supports targeted to groups who are underrepresented in Maine's workforce, including older workers and people who have disabilities.		

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EEEEE	CP		This Part was intentionally left blank by the Bureau of the Budget		
FFFFF-1	CP	EDU	Transfers \$30,000,000 at the end of FY23 from the unencumbered balance of the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools, General Fund carrying account to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the School Revolving Renovation Fund		
FFFFF-2	CP	EDU	Transfer \$20,000,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the School Revolving Renovation Fund		
GGGGG	CP	CJPS	Establishes the Maine Emergency Medical Services Sustainability and Resiliency Grant program and transfers \$31,000,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Dept. of Public Safety Emergency Medical Services program		
HHHHH	CP	LBHS	Transfers \$19,800,000 in FY23 from unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for a one-time 3.0% retirement benefit payment.		
IIIII	CP	SLG	Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of the Department of Secretary of State to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for improvements to the department's customer services system, technology infrastructure and data centers; updating of department software and hardware; ongoing modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data.		
JJJJJ	CP	TRA	Transfers \$10 million in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for culvert, resilience and adaptation investments through municipal grants and matching funds for federal projects.		
KKKKK	CP	TRA	Transfers \$12,000,000 in FY23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Multimodal Ports and Marine, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Transportation to support the infrastructure necessary to deploy and connect floating offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine.		