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**LD 17      An Act To Eliminate Retirement Benefits and Paid Health Insurance for Legislators Elected after 2017      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN B BRAKEY E	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits a Legislator elected for the first time on or after January 1, 2018 from being a member of the Legislative Retirement Program, which also removes the Legislator from eligibility for a postretirement state group health plan.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-14)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 47      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers      CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 89      An Act To Provide Emergency Repair Funding for the Restoration of the Official State Vessel, the Schooner Bowdoin      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN K SHEATS B	OTP-AM ONTP	H-286    GATTINE D

This bill provides funds to the Maine Maritime Academy in order to make repairs and do restorative work on the schooner Bowdoin, the official state vessel, which is used by the Maine Maritime Academy for its Vessel Operations and Technology program.

Certain provisions of this bill are contained in Public Law 2017, chapter 284, the Biennial Budget (LD 390).

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-101)**

This amendment reduces the fiscal year 2016-17 appropriation from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000.

This amendment was not adopted.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-286)**

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This amendment strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause and provides funding in fiscal year 2017-18 instead of fiscal year 2016-17.

**LD 99      An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include      Veto Sustained**  
**Detectives in the Office of Investigations within the Department of the**  
**Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-249

This bill allows detectives in the office of investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Under that plan, a person may retire at 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service, or may retire before 55 years of age with 25 years of creditable service and at a reduced benefit.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-249)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that a motor vehicle detective in the employment of the office of investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles on July 1, 2018, must make the election to participate in the 1998 Special Plan no later than December 1, 2018. The amendment also makes technical changes and corrects cross-references in the current retirement provisions applicable to detectives in the employment of the office of investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**LD 100      An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include      Died Between**  
**Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General      Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-174

This bill allows detectives in the Office of the Attorney General to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Under that plan, a person may retire at 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service, or may retire before 55 years of age with 25 years of creditable service and at a reduced benefit.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-174)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that a detective in the employment of the Office of the Attorney General on July 1, 2018, must make the election to participate in the 1998 Special Plan no later than December 1, 2018. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**LD 139      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's      CARRIED OVER**  
**Community Colleges**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

This bill provides funds to be used to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and for other necessary repairs approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

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

The bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 176      An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Disability Retirement Benefits      CARRIED OVER  
Administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

This bill allows employees at state correctional facilities that close who have not reached their normal retirement age to retire and receive their full retirement benefit if certain conditions are met and funding is appropriated for the additional actuarial costs that result from the elimination of a reduction for retirement prior to normal retirement age.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to provide certification of the pending closure of a state correctional facility to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. The bill requires the retirement system to calculate the amount of funding necessary to pay for the actuarial costs and report that information to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters. The bill provides that the joint standing committee may report out legislation appropriating funds for the costs set forth in the report.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

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

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This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 302      An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017      PUBLIC 2 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J GATTINE D	OTP-AM	S-2

This bill does the following.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C continues limited-period positions set to expire in June 2017 through August 1, 2017.

PART D transfers \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

PART E authorizes the State Controller to carry any unexpended All Other balances of as of June 30, 2017, in the All Other line category of the \$300,000 one-time General Fund appropriation in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services program for the updating of econometric database information used for revenue projections into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

PART F removes the requirement that unencumbered balances in a dedicated account within the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in excess of \$500 be transferred to the General Fund.

PART G authorizes the balance remaining in the Fund for Women Veterans account in the Veterans Services program within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to be used for software for veterans services.

PART H allows unexpended balances from funds transferred to the Lifetime License Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by the Treasurer of State to be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

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PART I authorizes the State Controller to transfer funds in fiscal year 2016-17 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund account to construct water supply pipelines and update water treatment equipment.

PART J requires any remaining balances at the end of fiscal year 2016-17 in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund account to be used for the construction of water supply pipelines and updating of water treatment equipment in fiscal year 2017-18.

PART K allows the Judicial Department to transfer any available balances in the Personal Services line category of General Fund accounts to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account in fiscal year 2016-17 and carries any remaining 2016-17 fiscal year-end balances in the Personal Services line category of General Fund accounts and in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account to fiscal year 2017-18 in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account, for the purpose of making capital improvements to judicial facilities.

PART L requires the State Controller to carry forward unexpended balances in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Archives program Personal Services and All Other line categories as of June 30, 2017, to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Archives program for use in fiscal year 2017-18.

PART M requires the State Controller to carry forward any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2017, in the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program for use in fiscal year 2017-18 to upgrade software.

PART N eliminates the requirement that the Maine Community College System make contributions toward payment of the unfunded liability and administrative costs to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for retirees who elected to participate in a defined contribution plan and repeals the obligation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop long-term strategies to create funding methods for future salary increases resulting from the Maine Community College System collective bargaining process. This Part also authorizes the transfer of \$13,990,596 to the General Fund that would otherwise lapse to the Salary Plan program.

PART O establishes a reserve fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the operation of the Maine Military Authority and transfers \$7,000,000 to that fund from the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-2)**

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, makes three changes to the bill:

1. Provides one-time funding of \$155,000 to the Secretary of State, Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations for the referendum in June 2017 for the bond issue authorized in Public Law 2015, chapter 479;
2. Removes the one-time funding of \$550,000 to the University of Maine School of Law's prelaw undergraduate program; and
3. Establishes the Opioid Health Home Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and provides funding for this program.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 2 does the following:

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PART A makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C continues limited-period positions set to expire in June 2017 through August 1, 2017.

PART D transfers \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

PART E authorizes the State Controller to carry any unexpended All Other balances of as of June 30, 2017, in the All Other line category of the \$300,000 one-time General Fund appropriation in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services program for the updating of econometric database information used for revenue projections into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

PART F removes the requirement that unencumbered balances in a dedicated account within the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in excess of \$500 be transferred to the General Fund.

PART G authorizes the balance remaining in the Fund for Women Veterans account in the Veterans Services program within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to be used for software for veterans services.

PART H allows unexpended balances from funds transferred to the Lifetime License Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by the Treasurer of State to be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

PART I authorizes the State Controller to transfer funds in fiscal year 2016-17 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund account to construct water supply pipelines and update water treatment equipment.

PART J requires any remaining balances at the end of fiscal year 2016-17 in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, General Fund account to be used for the construction of water supply pipelines and updating of water treatment equipment in fiscal year 2017-18.

PART K allows the Judicial Department to transfer any available balances in the Personal Services line category of General Fund accounts to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account in fiscal year 2016-17 and carries any remaining 2016-17 fiscal year-end balances in the Personal Services line category of General Fund accounts and in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account to fiscal year 2017-18 in the Capital Expenditures line category in the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund account, for the purpose of making capital improvements to judicial facilities.

PART L requires the State Controller to carry forward unexpended balances in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Archives program Personal Services and All Other line categories as of June 30, 2017, to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Archives program for use in fiscal year 2017-18.

PART M requires the State Controller to carry forward any unexpended balance as of June 30, 2017, in the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program for use in fiscal year 2017-18 to upgrade software.



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PART N eliminates the requirement that the Maine Community College System make contributions toward payment of the unfunded liability and administrative costs to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for retirees who elected to participate in a defined contribution plan and repeals the obligation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop long-term strategies to create funding methods for future salary increases resulting from the Maine Community College System collective bargaining process. This Part also authorizes the transfer of \$13,990,596 to the General Fund that would otherwise lapse to the Salary Plan program.

PART O establishes a reserve fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the operation of the Maine Military Authority and transfers \$7,000,000 to that fund from the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART P establishes the Opioid Health Home Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and provides funding for the program.

Public Law 2017, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2017.

**LD 316      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Railways      CARRIED OVER**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for the enhancement of existing railway service and for the expansion of railway service.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 317      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways,  
Bridges and Multimodal Facilities      CARRIED OVER**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to improve highways, bridges and multimodal facilities in the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

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environmental resources.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 319      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development      CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 382      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds      ONTP**

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

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the issuance of bonds:

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1. It requires the Governor to issue a general obligation bond that has been ratified by the legal voters of the State unless one of five specific conditions exists, and it requires the Governor to provide certain information upon delaying or forgoing issuance of a bond;
2. It eliminates the requirement that registered bonds bear the facsimile signature of the Governor; and
3. It provides that the bill applies to all general obligation bonds ratified by the voters but as yet unissued as well as all future general obligation bonds ratified by the voters.

**LD 390      An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019**

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D	OTP-AM	H-475
HAMPER J	OTP-AM	H-558
	OTP-AM	
	ONTP	

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

This bill as emergency legislation proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019, as submitted by the Governor pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5. The summary below does not included changes or additions proposed by the Governor’s “Change Package.”

PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2017-18, the state contribution and the annual target for the state share percentage and makes other statutory changes related to primary and secondary education.

PART D makes changes to personal and corporate income taxes.

PART E makes changes to sales and lodging taxes.

PART F eliminates the Maine estate tax for decedents dying on or after December 31, 2017.

PART G makes changes to the homestead property tax exemption.

PART H repeals the excise tax on telecommunications equipment and repeals the telecommunications equipment exemption from local property taxation.

PART I phases out the business equipment tax reimbursement, or BETR, program and transitions property eligible for the BETR into the business equipment tax exemption, or BETE, program.

PART J eliminates the Board of Tax Appeals.

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PART K permanently sets the transfer to the Local Government Fund for state-municipal revenue sharing at 2%.

PART L provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is responsible for computer systems and applications used across multiple executive branch agencies.

PART M makes changes to the year-end distribution of unreserved General Fund balances.

PART N makes changes to the laws governing the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.

PART O transfers responsibility for the supervision and administrative control of risk management insurance to the Office of the State Controller.

PART P authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to accept contributions from public and private sources for the maintenance, repair and construction of state facilities.

PART Q changes the name of the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program to the New Ventures Maine program to reflect the name currently used by the University of Maine System.

PART R repeals the laws governing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology and creates the Department of Technology Services.

PART S continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute.

PART T authorizes the State Tax Assessor to implement a training program to develop the expertise of revenue agents and property appraisers.

PART U transfers \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local & Regional Services - Administration, Other Special Revenue Account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART V allows the tax assessment to municipalities for correctional services to be greater than the base assessment.

PART W changes the name of the ConnectME Authority to the Broadband Development Authority and moves it to a newly created Office of Broadband Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

PART X recognizes an increase in the attrition rate to 5% for the 2018-2019 biennium for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies and removes the attrition requirement for the District Attorneys Salaries program for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART Y authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division within the department's Bureau of General Services.

PART Z authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PART AA authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of the Office of Information Technology to enter into financing arrangements, up to a specified limit, for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and software.

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PART BB provides that lotteries may include draw games such as keno.

PART CC continues the voluntary employee incentive program through the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART DD authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to identify positions to eliminate as the result of ongoing reorganizations due to efficiencies associated with the implementation of a new human resources and payroll system.

PART EE requires a review of vacant and filled positions, regardless of fund source, in executive branch departments and agencies and authorizes position eliminations to achieve General Fund savings of \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART FF authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.

PART GG moves certain economic analysis activities from the Governor's Office of Policy and Management to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and expands the mission of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management.

PART HH eliminates the cost of living adjustments to retirement benefits for State Employees and Teachers in each year of the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART II renames the Department of Agriculture's Division of Quality Assurance to the Bureau of Agriculture program and moves the department's Rural Rehabilitation Operating and transfers the remaining balance in the Rural Rehabilitation program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the new program.

PART JJ moves several funds previously located in separate programs separate funds within the Harness Racing Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART KK transfers remaining balances and moves several funds to the newly named Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART LL moves the Maine Mosquito Management Fund, Integrated Pest Management Fund and Maine Pesticide Education Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the department's Board of Pesticides Control program.

PART MM moves the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's agricultural development fund to the Bureau of Agriculture program within the department.

PART NN moves the Agricultural Water Management and Irrigation Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the department's Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART OO moves the Maine Milk Commission's Dairy Industry Fund to the Milk Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART PP moves the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's animal welfare auxiliary fund to the Animal Welfare Fund program.

PART QQ eliminates the Maine Coastal Program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to manage and coordinate the implementation of a state coastal

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zone management program.

PART RR reinstates the authority of municipalities to appoint local sealers of weights and measures if they choose to do so.

PART SS eliminates one Ranger Pilot position in the forest protection unit of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry.

PART TT increases the conservation easement registry fee.

PART UU transfers remaining balance in the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds in the Division of Plant Industry program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.

PART VV renames the Forest Health and Monitoring program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Forest Resource Management program.

PART WW renames the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART XX renames the Coastal Island Registry program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Submerged Lands and Island Registry program.

PART YY lapses \$435,088 of unencumbered balance forward in the All Other line category in the Maine Farms for the Future Program, General Fund account in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART ZZ lapses \$1,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category in the Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART AAA transfers remaining cash balances in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Beverage Container Enforcement Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART BBB transfers \$500,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, determined by the Commissioner and excluding the Public Reserves Lands Management Fund, to the General Fund unappropriated surplus, excluding the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

PART CCC adds specified positions within the Office of the Attorney General to the list of law enforcement officials authorized to use assigned state-owned vehicles to commute between home and work.

PART DDD authorizes the Attorney General to set the compensation of the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner in consultation with the Chief Medical Examiner and with the approval of the Governor and removes the specific salary schedule reference for the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner.

PART EEE increases the maximum fee allowed to be paid to nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried medicolegal death investigators for an inspection and view.

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PART GGG increases the fee charged by a medical examiner for a certificate that is required for cremation and allows this fee to be waived at the discretion of the Chief Medical Examiner.

PART HHH renames the Audit - Departmental Bureau program within the Office of the State Auditor.

PART III renames the Audit - Unorganized Territory program within the Office of the State Auditor.

PART JJJ allows the Department of Corrections to carry unexpended Personal Services balances to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Corrections program.

PART KKK authorizes the review of the current organizational structure of the Department of and the transfer of positions and available balances by financial order. Any transfers resulting in a program or mission change or facility closure must have legislative review.

PART LLL authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures funding between accounts within the same fund for the purpose of paying departmental overtime expenses in each year of the biennium.

PART MMM lapses the balance in the Prisoner Boarding - Carrying account within the Department of Corrections in fiscal year 2017-18 to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART NNN transfers \$68,163 from the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART OOO transfers \$78 from the Economic Opportunity program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART PPP transfers \$2,765 from the Job Retention Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART QQQ changes an appointed position's title from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Workforce Coordinator to Director of Special Projects.

PART RRR eliminates the requirement that the Policy Director of Special Services in the Department of Education supervise the school nurse consultant position.

PART SSS authorizes the Commissioner of Education's designee to appoint and supervise a director of early childhood special education.

PART TTT changes the annual reporting deadline for reports on the performance of the Child Development Services System and provides that the report be made to the Commissioner of Education rather than the joint committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and health and human services.

PART UUU directs the State Controller to transfer \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2018-2019 biennium, as one-time transfers, from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education.

PART VVV authorizes the Department of Education to enter into lease-purchase agreements for portable learning devices and support systems for students and educators.

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PART WWW authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization to transfer available Personal Services balances up to a specified amount by financial order to the All Other line category in the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account during the biennium.

PART XXX transfers the administration and funding of the Driver Education and Evaluation Programs from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of the Secretary of State.

PART YYY repeals the Electronic Benefit Transfer System.

PART ZZZ repeals the laws establishing municipal general assistance.

PART AAAA eliminates the Bone Marrow Screening Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services and eliminates the ability of an individual to designate a portion of that individual's income tax refund for the Bone Marrow Screening Fund.

PART BBBB repeals the law establishing the Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART CCCC reassigns the application fee for a retail tobacco license from the General Fund to an Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to cover the costs of administering licensing for tobacco retailers.

PART DDDD eliminates the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services and eliminates the ability of an individual to designate a portion of the individual's income tax refund for the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund.

PART EEEE Establishes a requirement that to be eligible for TANF or food supplement benefits an individual must not have been convicted of a drug-related felony within five years of the date of application or while receiving benefits and repeals the provision that allows the department to administer drug tests to convicted drug felons in the TANF.

PART FFFF makes the numerous changes to the laws governing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

PART GGGG changes the disability determination cutoff from 45 days to 90 days for applications for aid based on a disability, and it eliminates the requirement to provide state-funded temporary medical coverage.

PART HHHH amends the definition of "eligible person" in the municipal general assistance laws to removes persons who are lawfully present in the United States or who is pursuing a lawful process to apply for immigration relief.

PART IIII specifies that the base year for the hospital tax is 2014.

PART JJJJ prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from obtaining waivers from the United States Department of Agriculture that would expand access to benefits under the statewide food supplement program.

PART KKKK changes provisions of law to make noncitizens ineligible for federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

PART LLLL contains transition provisions for the consolidation of accounts from the Department of Health and Human Services, formerly the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, to the Department of Health and Human Services.



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PART MMMM authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of appropriations between the MaineCare General Fund accounts for both fiscal years of the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART NNNN authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer by financial order certain available appropriations, including those in Personal Services, among MaineCare, MaineCare-related and non-MaineCare-related accounts and between the Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, the Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program and the Riverview Psychiatric Center program.

PART OOOO eliminates the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer dedicated family support services funds between the Developmental Services - Community program and the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program and Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program.

PART PPPP authorizes the transfer of available Personal Services or All Other balances from the Department of Health and Human Services, Developmental Services - Community program to the Crisis Outreach Program for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART QQQQ authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer appropriations within the Office of Child and Family Services related to the cost of administering the child welfare program.

PART RRRR renames the Office of the Commissioner program within the Department of Health and Human Services the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program.

PART SSSS renames the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services program within the Department of Health and Human Services the Division of Licensing and Certification program.

PART TTTT authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement provisions of this bill without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

PART UUUU establishes a statewide public defender system.

PART VVVV delays the funding of the Fiscal Stability Program until the 2020-2021 biennial budget.

PART WWWW directs the State Controller to transfer funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2017-18 and one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART XXXX increases compensation of active retired judges and justices of the state courts.

PART YYYY clarifies provisions of law regarding the record search fee schedule established by the State Court and allows the Supreme Judicial Court to raise or establish certain for the purpose of paying the cost of maintaining an electronic filing and court information management system.

PART ZZZZ makes changes to the laws regarding the salaries and removal of the Director of Labor Standards, the Chair of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission and the members of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

PART AAAAA moves the original jurisdiction of employer unemployment appeals cases from the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Department of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation,

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PART BBBBBB repeals the provision of law that prohibits any unencumbered balance in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund from being used for a different purpose without legislative approval.

PART CCCCC changes the weekly benefit subtraction factor for partial unemployment and changes the experience rating and the lowest tax.

PART DDDDD authorizes the Department of Labor to identify positions to eliminate as the result of ongoing reorganizations.

PART EEEEE establishes new surcharges on licenses issued by the Department of Marine Resources directed to the Coastal Fisheries Research, Management and Enforcement Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account established in the department to be used to fund scientific research, management and enforcement activities related to marine resources.

PART FFFFF renames the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers program.

PART GGGGG relocates the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

PART HHHHH eliminates the requirement that all indoor pyrotechnic events be monitored by the State Fire Marshal or designee and eliminates the associated fee.

PART IIIII provides that the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit has the authority to administer and enforce the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes governing the conduct of beano and bingo.

PART JJJJJ transfers the oversight, administration and enforcement of beano and bingo from the Chief of the State Police to the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety.

PART KKKKK transfers the oversight, administration and enforcement of games of chance from a licensing unit to the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety.

PART LLLLL provides that public safety inspectors in the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal have the right to execute or serve criminal and civil violation process against offenders who violate the National Fire Protection Association No. 101, Life Safety Code.

PART MMMMM amends the law regarding the fee schedule for examinations of plans for construction, reconstruction or repairs submitted to the Department of Public Safety.

PART NNNNN changes the allocations in the Bureau of State Police program in the Department of Public Safety from 35% Highway Fund and 65% General Fund to 100% General Fund.

PART OOOOO transfers \$1,000,000 in unexpended funds from the Gambling Control Board program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART PTTTT authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 to be used for capital repairs and improvements to buildings within the University of Maine System.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-473)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee.

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PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2017-18, the state contribution and the annual target for the state share percentage; and makes other statutory changes related to primary and secondary education.

PARTS D through M are intentionally left blank.

PART N makes changes to the laws governing the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.

PART O transfers responsibility for the supervision and administrative control of risk management insurance to the Office of the State Controller.

PART P is intentionally left blank.

PART Q changes the name of the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program to the New Ventures Maine program to reflect the name currently used by the University of Maine System.

PART R is intentionally left blank.

PART S continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute.

PART T authorizes the State Tax Assessor to implement a training program to develop the expertise of revenue agents and property appraisers.

PART U is intentionally left blank.

PART V establishes that the base assessment limit for the provision of correctional services in a county budget may not be less than the limit established by law. The Part clarifies that the base assessment limit that carries forward from one year to the next is the amount collected by the county for the provision of correctional services in the prior year.

PART W is intentionally left blank.

PART X recognizes an increase in the attrition rate to 5% for the 2018-2019 biennium for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies and removes the attrition requirement for the District Attorneys Salaries program for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART Y authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division within the department's Bureau of General Services.

PART Z authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PARTS AA and BB are intentionally left blank

PART CC continues the voluntary employee incentive program through the 2018-2019 biennium.

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PART DD authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to identify positions to eliminate as the result of ongoing reorganizations due to efficiencies associated with the implementation of a new human resources and payroll system.

PARTS EE through HH are intentionally left blank.

PART II renames the Department of Agriculture's Division of Quality Assurance to the Bureau of Agriculture program and moves the department's Rural Rehabilitation Operating and transfers the remaining balance in the Rural Rehabilitation program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the new program.

PART JJ moves several funds previously located in separate programs separate funds within the Harness Racing Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART KK transfers remaining balances and moves several funds to the newly named Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART LL moves the Maine Mosquito Management Fund, Integrated Pest Management Fund and Maine Pesticide Education Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the department's Board of Pesticides Control program.

PART MM moves the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's agricultural development fund to the Bureau of Agriculture program within the department.

PART NN moves the Agricultural Water Management and Irrigation Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the department's Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART OO moves the Maine Milk Commission's Dairy Industry Fund to the Milk Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART PP moves the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's animal welfare auxiliary fund to the Animal Welfare Fund program.

PART QQ eliminates the Maine Coastal Program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to manage and coordinate the implementation of a state coastal zone management program.

PART RR reinstates the authority of municipalities to appoint local sealers of weights and measures if they choose to do so.

PART SS eliminates one Ranger Pilot position in the forest protection unit of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry.

PART TT changes the conservation easement registry fee.

PART UU transfers remaining balance in the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds in the Division of Plant Industry program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.

PART VV renames the Forest Health and Monitoring program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Forest Resource Management program.

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PART WW renames the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART XX renames the Coastal Island Registry program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Submerged Lands and Island Registry program.

PART YY is intentionally left blank.

PART ZZ lapses \$1,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category in the Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART AAA transfers \$50,722 from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Beverage Container Enforcement Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART BBB transfers \$500,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, determined by the Commissioner and excluding the Public Reserves Lands Management Fund, to the General Fund unappropriated surplus, excluding the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

PART CCC adds specified positions within the Office of the Attorney General to the list of law enforcement officials authorized to use assigned state-owned vehicles to commute between home and work.

PART DDD authorizes the Attorney General to set the compensation of the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner in consultation with the Chief Medical Examiner and removes the specific salary schedule reference for the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner.

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PART KKK authorizes the review of the current organizational structure of the Department of Corrections and the transfer of positions and available balances by financial order. Any transfers resulting in a program or mission change or facility closure must have legislative review.

PART LLL authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures funding between accounts within the same fund for the purpose of paying departmental overtime expenses in each year of the biennium.

PART MMM lapses \$1,644,985 from the Prisoner Boarding - Carrying account within the Department of

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Corrections in fiscal year 2017-18 to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART NNN transfers \$68,163 from the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART OOO transfers \$78 from the Economic Opportunity program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART PPP transfers \$2,765 from the Job Retention Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART QQQ changes an appointed position's title from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Workforce Coordinator to Director of Special Projects.

PART RRR eliminates the requirement that the Policy Director of Special Services in the Department of Education supervise the school nurse consultant position.

PART SSS authorizes the Commissioner of Education's designee to appoint and supervise a director of early childhood special education.

PART TTT changes the annual reporting deadline for reports on the performance of the Child Development Services System and changes fiscal reporting requirements to include the most recent available federal annual performance report and most recent available annual financial and single audit report.

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PART VVV authorizes the Department of Education to enter into lease-purchase agreements for portable learning devices and support systems for students and educators.

PART WWW authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization to transfer available Personal Services balances up to a specified amount by financial order to the All Other line category in the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account during the biennium.

PARTS XXX through ZZZ are intentionally left blank.

PART AAAA eliminates the Bone Marrow Screening Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services and eliminates the ability of an individual to designate a portion of that individual's income tax refund for the Bone Marrow Screening Fund.

PART BBBB repeals the law establishing the Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART CCCC reassigns the application fee for a retail tobacco license from the General Fund to an Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to cover the costs of administering licensing for tobacco retailers.

PART DDDD eliminates the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services and eliminates the ability of an individual to designate a portion of the individual's income tax refund for the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund.

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PART LLLL contains transition provisions for the consolidation of accounts from the Department of Health and Human Services, formerly the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, to the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART MMMM authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available balances of appropriations between the MaineCare General Fund accounts for both fiscal years of the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART NNNN is intentionally left blank.

PART OOOO eliminates the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer dedicated family support services funds between the Developmental Services - Community program and the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program and Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program.

PART PPPP authorizes the transfer of available Personal Services or All Other balances from the Department of Health and Human Services, Developmental Services - Community program to the Crisis Outreach Program for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART QQQQ authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer appropriations within the Office of Child and Family Services related to the cost of administering the child welfare program.

PART RRRR renames the Office of the Commissioner program within the Department of Health and Human Services the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program.

PART SSSS renames the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services program within the Department of Health and Human Services the Division of Licensing and Certification program.

PART TTTT authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement provisions of this bill without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

PART UUUU is intentionally left blank.

PART VVVV delays the funding of the Fiscal Stability Program until the 2020-2021 biennial budget.

PART WWWW directs the State Controller to transfer funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2017-18 and one replacement aircraft engine in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART XXXX increases compensation of active retired judges and justices of the state courts.

PART YYYY clarifies provisions of law regarding the record search fee schedule established by the State Court and allows the Supreme Judicial Court to raise or establish certain for the purpose of paying the cost of maintaining an electronic filing and court information management system.

PART ZZZZ makes changes to the laws regarding the salaries and removal of the Director of Labor Standards, the Chair of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission and the members of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

PART AAAAA moves the original jurisdiction of employer unemployment appeals cases from the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Department of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation,

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PART BBBBBB repeals the provision of law that prohibits any unencumbered balance in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund from being used for a different purpose without legislative approval.

PART CCCCC changes the weekly benefit subtraction factor for partial unemployment and changes the experience rating and the lowest tax and provides for automatic increases based on changes to the Consumer Price Index.

PART DDDDD is intentionally left blank.

PART EEEEE establishes new surcharges on licenses issued by the Department of Marine Resources directed to the Coastal Fisheries Research, Management and Enforcement Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account established in the department to be used to fund scientific research, management and enforcement activities related to marine resources.

PART FFFFF renames the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers program.

PARTS GGGGG and HHHHH are intentionally left blank.

PART IIIII provides that the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit has the authority to administer and enforce the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes governing the conduct of beano and games of chance.

PART JJJJJ transfers the oversight, administration and enforcement of beano from the Chief of the State Police to the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety; reduces some requirements for organizations that conduct beano; permits schools, campgrounds and resorts to conduct beano for the entertainment under certain conditions.

PART KKKKK transfers the oversight, administration and enforcement of games of chance from a licensing unit to the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety. It reduces some requirements for organizations that conduct certain games of chance.

PART LLLLL provides that public safety inspectors in the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal have the right to execute or serve criminal and civil violation process against offenders who violate the National Fire Protection Association No. 101, Life Safety Code.

PART MMMMM amends the law regarding the fee schedule for examinations of plans for construction, reconstruction or repairs submitted to the Department of Public Safety.

PART NNNNN is intentionally left blank.

PART OOOOO transfers \$1,000,000 in unexpended funds from the Gambling Control Board program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Public to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART PTTTT authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities in an amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 to be used for capital repairs and improvements to buildings within the University of Maine System.

PARTS QQQQQ through SSSSS are intentionally left blank.

PART TTTTT authorizes the University of Maine System to issue taxable bonds.

PART UUUUU is intentionally left blank.



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PART VVVVVV provides for the creation of nine to 12 school management and leadership centers to provide administrative and education functions in accordance with a voluntary interlocal agreement.

PARTS WWWWW through KKKKKK are intentionally left blank.

PART LLLLLL directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adjust the fees for testing weighing and measuring devices so as to generate additional undedicated revenue to the General Fund of \$100,000 annually, beginning in fiscal year 2017-18.

PART MMMMMM updates the criteria for service providers included in a request for proposals for an opioid health home grant; identifies the services to be provided to individuals who have been diagnosed with opioid use disorder; and establishes that the funds provided are not to be transferred and may not lapse at the end of the current fiscal year.

PART NNNNNN moves the transfer of \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund from January 1, 2019 to June 1, 2018 and makes an additional transfer of \$1,700,000 from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund during fiscal year 2018-19.

PART OOOOOO requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to identify a minimum of \$30,000,000 in potential General Fund savings in the Department that can be achieved in fiscal year 2018-19 by program eliminations subject to approval of the Legislature. If the Legislature fails to enact legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature, the deappropriation will be transferred by financial order to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program upon approval of the Governor.

PART PPPPPP amends the duties of the position of Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART QQQQQQ reestablishes legislative oversight over expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund.

PART RRRRRR restores access to community support services for persons with mental illness to those persons who were eligible for those services before the Department of Health and Human Services adopted new eligibility rules in 2016.

PART SSSSSS allows children of state employees to be eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program as long as they meet the other eligibility requirements.

PART TTTTTT authorizes funding of the collective bargaining agreement reached by the Judicial Department and four collective bargaining units.

PART UUUUUU is intentionally left blank.

PART VVVVVV provides a working capital advance to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers from unobligated balances within the Licensing and Enforcement program, Other Special Revenue Funds account from licensing, registration and other fees of professions licensed, certified or registered within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and directs repayment from fees collected by the board.

PART WWWWWW requires the State Controller to transfer \$97,600,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education no later than June 30, 2018.

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PART XXXXXX is intentionally left blank.

PART YYYYYYY is intentionally left blank.

This amendment was not adopted.

### **Committee Amendment "B" (H-474)**

This amendment is a minority report of the committee.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2017-18, the state contribution and the annual target for the state share percentage; and makes other statutory changes related to primary and secondary education.

PART D eliminates the 3% income tax surcharge imposed on taxable income in excess of \$200,000 and eliminates the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education.

PART E increases the sales tax on lodging and expands the provision for sellers required to register to collect and report sales taxes to include online real property rental platforms and room remarketers.

PART F is intentionally left blank.

PART G makes changes to the homestead property tax exemption.

PART H is intentionally left blank.

PART I phases out the business equipment tax reimbursement, or BETR, program and transitions property eligible for the BETR into the business equipment tax exemption, or BETE, program.

PART J is intentionally left blank.

PART K permanently sets the transfer to the Local Government Fund for state-municipal revenue sharing at 2%.

PART L provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is responsible for computer systems and applications used across multiple executive branch agencies.

PART M makes changes to the year-end distribution of unreserved General Fund balances.

PART N makes changes to the laws governing the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.

PART O transfers responsibility for the supervision and administrative control of risk management insurance to the Office of the State Controller.

PART P authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to accept contributions from public and private sources for the maintenance, repair and construction of state facilities.

PART Q changes the name of the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program to the New Ventures Maine program to reflect the name currently used by the University of Maine System.

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PART R repeals the laws governing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology and creates the Department of Technology Services.

PART S continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute.

PART T authorizes the State Tax Assessor to implement a training program to develop the expertise of revenue agents and property appraisers.

PART U is intentionally left blank.

PART V repeals the provision of law that places a cap on increases in the tax assessments to municipalities for correctional services and requires the counties to fund the county jails and regional jail and to raise certain minimum amounts for correctional services. It also transfers funding for the second year of the biennium from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Corrections, Reserve for County Jail Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds to be allocated only by legislative action.

PART W changes the name of the ConnectME Authority to the Broadband Development Authority and moves it to a newly created Office of Broadband Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

PART X recognizes an increase in the attrition rate to 5% for the 2018-2019 biennium for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies and removes the attrition requirement for the District Attorneys Salaries program for the 2018-2019 biennium.

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PART MMMMM amends the law regarding the fee schedule for examinations of plans for construction, reconstruction or repairs submitted to the Department of Public Safety.

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PART QQQQQ clarifies that there are two deputy commissioner positions within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to submit a bill in the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to enact the reorganization of the Bureau of General Services.

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PART TTTTT authorizes the University of Maine System to issue taxable bonds.

PART UUUUU transfers responsibility for the administration of the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Economic and Community Development and adds capital grants as a third type of grant available from the fund; current law provides for planning grants and cooperative services grants.

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PART YYYYY establishes an annual open enrollment period for secondary students.

PART ZZZZZ establishes education savings accounts for no more than 100 children with disabilities that may be used by the parents or legal guardians of such children for certain educational purposes.

PART AAAAA adds engaging in training and staff development for identification and provision of intervention services for children with autism to the program functions of the Child Development Services System.

PART BBBBB amends the career and technical education laws to enable career and technical education programs to serve students in grades six to eight.

PART CCCCC requires the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy to report the cost to students of remedial courses in the subjects of English language arts and mathematics, by school administrative unit for students graduating within the prior three years from a school in that school administrative unit and requires the Commissioner of Education to reduce state subsidy to the school administrative units and to pay those funds to the higher education institution where the students took those remedial courses.

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PART EEEEEEE directs the Department of Education to review the work of the public-private partnership Count ME and to undertake a comprehensive attendance initiative to address truancy.

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PART LLLLLL directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adjust the fees for testing weighing and measuring devices so as to generate additional undedicated revenue to the General Fund of \$100,000 annually, beginning in fiscal year 2017-18.

PART MMMMMM updates the criteria for service providers included in a request for proposals for an opioid health home grant; identifies the services to be provided to individuals who have been diagnosed with opioid use disorder; and establishes that the funds provided are not to be transferred and may not lapse at the end of the current fiscal year.

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### **COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" (H-558)**

This amendment is the unanimous report of the 4th Committee of Conference for this bill. This amendment strikes all of Committee Amendment "C" except for Part A and Part B and inserts Parts C through SSSSSS, which are all summarized under the "Enacted Law Summary."

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 284 does the following (please note that omitted language parts were intentionally left blank):

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PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2018-2019 biennium. The appropriations and allocations contained in Parts A and B may be partially or wholly offset or appended by appropriations and allocations found in Part ZZZZZZ of this act.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C establishes the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2017-18, the state contribution and the annual target for the state share percentage; and makes other statutory changes related to primary and secondary education.

PART D eliminates the 3% income tax surcharge imposed on taxable income in excess of \$200,000 and eliminates the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education.

PART G makes changes to the homestead property tax exemption.

PART N makes changes to the laws governing the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission.

PART O transfers responsibility for the supervision and administrative control of risk management insurance to the Office of the State Controller.

PART P authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to accept contributions from public and private sources for the maintenance, repair and construction of state facilities.

PART Q changes the name of the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program to the New Ventures Maine program to reflect the name currently used by the University of Maine System.

PART S continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute.

PART T authorizes the State Tax Assessor to implement a training program to develop the expertise of revenue agents and property appraisers.

PART V increases the cap on the year-to-year increase that counties may charge municipalities for correctional services. It also transfers funding for the second year of the biennium from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Corrections, Reserve for County Jail Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds to be allocated only by legislative action.

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PART Y authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division within the department's Bureau of General Services.

PART Z authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

PART AA authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements, up to a specified limit, for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and software.

PART CC continues the voluntary employee incentive program through the biennium.

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PART DD authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to identify positions to eliminate as the result of ongoing reorganizations due to efficiencies associated with the implementation of a new human resources and payroll system.

PART EE requires a review of vacant positions, regardless of fund source, in executive branch departments and agencies and authorizes position eliminations to achieve General Fund savings of \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART FF authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.

PART GG moves certain economic analysis activities from the Governor's Office of Policy and Management to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and expands the mission of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management.

PART II renames the Department of Agriculture's Division of Quality Assurance the Bureau of Agriculture program and moves the department's Rural Rehabilitation Operating and transfers the remaining balance in the Rural Rehabilitation program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the new program.

PART JJ moves several funds previously located in separate programs separate funds within the Harness Racing Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART KK transfers remaining balances and moves several funds to the newly named Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART LL moves the Maine Mosquito Management Fund, Integrated Pest Management Fund and Maine Pesticide Education Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the department's Board of Pesticides Control program.

PART MM moves the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's agricultural development fund to the Bureau of Agriculture program within the department.

PART NN moves the Agricultural Water Management and Irrigation Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the department's Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART OO moves the Maine Milk Commission's Dairy Industry Fund to the Milk Commission program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART PP moves the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's animal welfare auxiliary fund to the Animal Welfare Fund program.

PART QQ eliminates the Maine Coastal Program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to manage and coordinate the implementation of a state coastal zone management program.

PART SS eliminates one Ranger Pilot position in the forest protection unit of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry.

PART TT changes the conservation easement registry fee.

PART UU transfers remaining balance in the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds in the

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Division of Plant Industry program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.

PART VV renames the Forest Health and Monitoring program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Forest Resource Management program.

PART WW renames the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Bureau of Agriculture program.

PART XX renames the Coastal Island Registry program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Submerged Lands and Island Registry program.

PART YY lapses \$435,088 of unencumbered balance forward in the All Other line category in the Maine Farms for the Future Program, General Fund account in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART ZZ lapses \$1,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category in the Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART AAA transfers \$58,047 from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Beverage Container Enforcement Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART BBB transfers \$500,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, determined by the Commissioner and excluding the Public Reserves Lands Management Fund, to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART CCC adds specified positions within the Office of the Attorney General to the list of law enforcement officials authorized to use assigned state-owned vehicles to commute between home and work.

PART DDD authorizes the Attorney General to set the compensation of the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner in consultation with the Chief Medical Examiner and with the approval of the Governor and removes the specific salary schedule reference for the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner.

PART EEE increases the maximum fee allowed to be paid to nonsalaried medical examiners and nonsalaried medicolegal death investigators for an inspection and view.

PART FFF increases the fees charged by the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Chief Medical Examiner for providing report documents and histological slides.

PART GGG increases the fee charged by a medical examiner for a certificate that is required for cremation and allows this fee to be waived at the discretion of the Chief Medical Examiner.

PART HHH renames the Audit - Departmental Bureau program within the Office of the State Auditor.

PART III renames the Audit - Unorganized Territory program within the Office of the State Auditor.

PART JJJ allows the Department of Corrections to carry unexpended Personal Services balances to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Corrections program.

PART KKK authorizes the of review the current organizational structure of the Department of Corrections and the transfer of positions and available balances by financial order. Any transfers resulting in a program or mission

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change or facility closure must have legislative review.

PART LLL authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer Personal Services, All Other or Capital Expenditures funding between accounts within the same fund for the purpose of paying departmental overtime expenses in each year of the biennium.

PART MMM lapses \$1,644,985 from the Prisoner Boarding - Carrying account within the Department of Corrections in fiscal year 2017-18 to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART NNN transfers \$68,163 from the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART OOO transfers \$78 from the Economic Opportunity program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART PPP transfers \$2,765 from the Job Retention Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART QQQ changes an appointed position's title from Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Workforce Coordinator to Director of Special Projects.

PART RRR eliminates the requirement that the Policy Director of Special Services in the Department of Education supervise the school nurse consultant position.

PART SSS authorizes the Commissioner of Education's designee to appoint and supervise a director of early childhood special education.

PART UUU directs the State Controller to transfer \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium, as one-time transfers, from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education.

PART VVV authorizes the Department of Education to enter into lease-purchase agreements for portable learning devices and support systems for students and educators.

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PART AAAA eliminates the Bone Marrow Screening Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services and eliminates the ability of an individual to designate a portion of that individual's income tax refund for the Bone Marrow Screening Fund.

PART BBBB repeals the law establishing the Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund within the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART CCCC reassigns the application fee for a retail tobacco license from the General Fund to an Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, to cover the costs of administering licensing for tobacco retailers.

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Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

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PART YYYYYY reverses Part A allocations due to the elimination of the increase in the lodging tax in the Committee of Conference amendment and allocates \$575,000 in each year of the biennium for additional Head Start services using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families federal block grant funds.

PART ZZZZZZ makes appropriations and allocations necessary to carry out the purposes of the adopted Committee of Conference amendment. The appropriations and allocations contained in Parts A and B may be partially or wholly offset or appended by appropriations and allocations found in this part.

PART AAAAAA credits the first \$2,500,000 of the revenues from the real estate transfer tax that would have been deposited into the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority to the General Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium.

PART BBBBBB lapses \$2,500,000 from the Legislature, General Fund account to the unappropriated surplus of the General fund in each year of the biennium.

PART CCCCCC transfers from the Unclaimed Property Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund any amount in the Unclaimed Property Fund in excess of \$5,767,234 by June 30, 2017 and transfers \$2,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the General Fund unappropriated surplus by June 30, 2018.

PART EEEEEEE transfers up to \$65,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to a General Fund reserve account for the Department of Health and Human Services pending a notice and reconsideration of disallowance from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, dated June 7, 2017, related to the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

PART FFFFFFF requires the State Controller to carry any remaining balance in the Office of Treasurer of State, Debt Service program from fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18 into the following fiscal year.

PART GGGGGG requires the State Controller to carry forward into the following fiscal year for each year of the biennium any remaining balance in the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services program in the Department of Economic and Community Development.

PART HHHHHH transfers \$16,200,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, as determined by the Commissioner, to the General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2017-18.

PART IIIIII transfers \$6,000,000 total from two court settlements reached by the State to the General Fund unappropriated surplus. The Attorney General has confirmed that the specified use of the funds to be transferred by this Part is consistent with the terms of the court orders.

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PART JJJJJJ provides that at least 50% of the increase in the state share of the total cost of public education must be used to lower the local contributions to the total cost of education under specified conditions.

PART KKKKKKK requires the State Controller to carry forward into the following fiscal year for each year of the biennium any remaining balance in the Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program.

PART LLLLLLL provides additional funding for the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund in each year of the biennium through specified transfers from the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Other Special Revenue Funds.

PART MMMMMM requires the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the rates, proportional to the additional funding provided, for home-based and community-based personal care and related services referenced in the February 1, 2016 report "Rate Review for Personal Care and Related Services: Final Rate Models" prepared for the department by Burns & Associates, Inc. and for certain procedure codes provided in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 21 and 29.

PART NNNNNNN makes changes to the statutes relating to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, food supplement program, MaineCare, TANF and ASPIRE-TANF programs administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART QQQQQQQ authorizes the issuance of payroll checks to employees of the executive branch departments and independent agencies, the Legislature and the Judicial Department who were declared emergency personnel during the civil emergency based on the Governor's declaration of a civil emergency and who were not declared emergency personnel and were prohibited from working during the civil emergency based on the Governor's declaration of a civil emergency.

PART RRRRRRR adds duties for the Maine Children's Growth Council.

PART SSSSSSS prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from beginning any rule-making procedure connected with rate reductions for reimbursement levels under Rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Sections 13, 17, 28 and 65 through June 30, 2019, unless legislative approval has been received.

Public Law 2017, chapter 284 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 4, 2017.

**LD 391      An Act To Provide Funding for Maine Public**

**Leave to Withdraw  
Pursuant to Joint  
Rule**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JORGENSEN E MILLETT R		

This bill provides ongoing funds to maintain the annual funding levels to Maine Public, formerly known as Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

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**LD 409      An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**

**PUBLIC 88**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J	OTP-AM	S-99

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System:

1. It replaces the term "physician" with "medical provider" and defines "medical provider" to include physicians and clinical psychologists, which permits clinical psychologists to be included in the composition of the medical board and for other medical consultations;
2. It clarifies that the board member who represents participating local districts may be either an active or retired member;
3. It clarifies the basis on which disability benefits for members of the Legislative Retirement Program are determined;
4. It clarifies that any property owned by the retirement system is tax exempt;
5. It gives the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public employee retirement matters the authority to report out legislation as recommended by the board of trustees to improve the retirement system;
6. It replaces obsolete language regarding the retirement system budgeting process;
7. It corrects a reference to the legislative jurisdiction that pertains to matters relating to the retirement system;
8. It clarifies the treatment of retirement system assets;
9. It clarifies the disposition of funds appropriated to subsidize the purchase of military service credit for specific members who subsequently decline to purchase service credit or are able to purchase service credit without subsidy;
10. It changes the manner in which disability retirement benefits are calculated for less than full-time members;
11. It clarifies that assets of the group life insurance program may only be used for benefits for participants of employers for which the assets are attributable; and
12. It removes obsolete language.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-99)**

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It further clarifies the purposes for which the assets of the group life insurance program may not be used.
2. It changes the board meeting requirements.
3. It updates references to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements that apply to postemployment benefits.

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4. It removes the provisions in the bill that make changes to how disability retirement benefits are calculated for part-time or seasonal employees.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 88 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System:

1. It replaces the term "physician" with "medical provider" and defines "medical provider" to include physicians and clinical psychologists, which permits clinical psychologists to be included in the composition of the medical board and for other medical consultations;
2. It clarifies that the board member who represents participating local districts may be either an active or retired member;
3. It changes the board meeting requirements to allow board meetings to be held as needed;
4. It clarifies the basis on which disability benefits for members of the Legislative Retirement Program are determined;
5. It clarifies that any property owned by the retirement system is tax exempt;
6. It gives the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public employee retirement matters the authority to report out legislation as recommended by the board of trustees to improve the retirement system;
7. It replaces obsolete language regarding the retirement system budgeting process;
8. It corrects a reference to the legislative jurisdiction that pertains to matters relating to the retirement system;
9. It clarifies the treatment of retirement system assets;
10. It clarifies the disposition of funds appropriated to subsidize the purchase of military service credit for specific members who subsequently decline to purchase service credit or are able to purchase service credit without subsidy;
11. It clarifies that assets of the group life insurance program may only be used for benefits for participants of employers for which the assets are attributable;
12. It updates references to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements that apply to postemployment benefits; and
13. It removes obsolete language.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

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

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

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program and to return revenue in excess of program expenses to the General Fund.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 417      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Facilities and Equipment To Support the Growth of Additive Manufacturing      Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to invest in an additive manufacturing laboratory at the University of Maine to create a center for research, education and training in the additive manufacturing field, to provide training for workers in the technology developed by the laboratory and to develop new products for Maine-based industrial partners.

**LD 467      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Address Changes in Sea Level      CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S CARSON B		



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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 522 An Act Regarding Final Enactment of the State Budget**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD S	ONTP OTP	

This bill requires at least three calendar days to have elapsed between the day the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs reports out a biennial or supplemental budget and when that budget is finally enacted by the Legislature.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 723      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets      CON RES 1**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R GATTINE D	OTP-AM	S-148

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by the financial markets by increasing the length of time over which experience losses are

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amortized from 10 years to 20 years.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Constitutional Resolution 2017, chapter 1 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce volatility in state pension funding requirements caused by the financial markets by increasing the length of time over which experience losses are amortized from 10 years to 20 years.

**LD 726      An Act To Restore Full Cost-of-living Increases for All Maine State Retirees      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E	OTP-AM ONTP	H-250

This bill removes the limitation, put in place in 2011, to the cost-of-living increase for persons receiving state retirement benefits that applies the increase only to the first \$20,000 of retirement benefits. This bill returns application of the cost-of-living increase to the full benefit.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-250)**

This amendment provides funding to fund the costs of removing the limit on the cost-of-living increase for state retirement benefits.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 832      An Act To Carry Out the Will of the People of the State of Maine by      Veto Sustained**  
**Ensuring the Issuance of Bonds To Support the Independence of**  
**Maine's Seniors**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R GIDEON S	OTP-AM ONTP	S-33 H-186 GATTINE D

In November 2015, the voters approved Public Law 2015, chapter 337, a bond authorization to provide for the issuance of bonds to provide funding for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes and the adaptive reuse of structures or homes for low-income households headed by a person 55 years of age or older.

This bill makes the following changes to that law in order to ensure the issuance of the approved bonds:

1. It removes the requirement that the Treasurer of State operate at the direction of the Governor in issuing and selling the bonds;
2. It exempts the bonds from the requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 145 and 145-B regarding the need for the signature of the Governor and the attestation of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services on bonds issued and sold by the Treasurer of State;
3. It places a number of safeguards on the sale of the bonds, including allowing the Treasurer of State to not sell the bonds if debt service would exceed the amount budgeted or the issuance of the bonds would have an adverse impact on the State's credit rating; and
4. It requires the Treasurer of State to transfer the proceeds of the sale of the bonds directly to the Maine State Housing Authority, without the requirement of a warrant drawn by the State Controller.

The bill also requires the director of the Maine State Housing Authority to report annually to the Legislature regarding certain aspects of the bond proceeds and the projects using bond proceeds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-33)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The bill lists five conditions under which the Treasurer of State is not required to expedite the issuance of the bonds to provide funding for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes and the adaptive reuse of structures of homes for low-income households headed by a person 55 years of age or older. Two of those conditions are the receipt of notification that the project is not proceeding and the receipt of notification that alternative funding is available. This amendment specifies that the notification of either of these conditions must be from the Maine State Housing Authority.

**House Amendment "A" (H-186)**

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JORGENSEN E DILL J		

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This emergency bill proposes to provide supplemental appropriations and allocations necessary for the operation of State Government.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 897      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage Efficient Biomass Thermal and Power Projects in Maine      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D HIGGINS N		

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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**LD 907      An Act Requiring Investments by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Be Well-diversified**

**Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

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

This bill requires that the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System invest and reinvest retirement system funds in well-diversified asset classes that will generate the maximum return and prohibits investment in narrowly tailored asset classes.

**LD 917      Resolve, To Require a Review of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Plan**

**RESOLVE 14 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WINSOR T HAMPER J	OTP-AM	H-184

This resolve directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, within their existing resources, to jointly convene and provide necessary staffing assistance to a working group to evaluate and design retirement plan options for all state employees and teachers. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System is directed to submit its recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2018.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)**

This amendment adds to the working group as a nonvoting member a person chosen from nominations submitted by the Maine Association of Retirees. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 14 directs the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, within their existing resources, to jointly convene and provide necessary staffing assistance to a working group to evaluate and design retirement plan options for all state employees and teachers. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System is directed to submit its recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2018.

Resolve 2017, chapter 14 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 7, 2017.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This emergency bill proposes to make appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 929      An Act Regarding the State Retirement System      Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-277

This bill amends the definition of "earnable compensation" for the purposes of the state retirement system. The bill provides that if, during any year, an employee receives retrospective payment for compensation earned in a prior year or years, the portion of the employee's compensation that is retrospective payment for compensation earned in a prior year or years must be deducted from earnable compensation for the year in which it is paid and must be added to earnable compensation for the prior year or years in which that compensation was earned.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-277)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

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

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

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

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This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESCHAMBAULT S SPEAR J		

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K DAVIS P		

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 981      An Act Regarding State Investments and the Dakota Access Pipeline      Accepted Majority**  
**(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B SYLVESTER M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits the Treasurer of State from depositing funds in any bank that is providing funds, extending credit or otherwise engaged in financing the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. This bill also prohibits the Treasurer of State from investing in the securities of a corporation or company or other entity that is providing funds, extending credit or otherwise engaged in financing the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. This bill requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to divest its holdings in any corporation or company that is constructing or funding construction of the so-called Dakota Access pipeline. The bill requires divestment to be completed by January 1, 2019.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-68)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.



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**LD 1044 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Eligibility for Disability Retirement Benefits**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R	OTP-AM ONTP	S-89

This bill amends the laws governing eligibility for disability retirement benefits. Current law provides that former state employees are not eligible for state disability retirement benefits if they were not disabled on their last day of state service. Under this bill, former state employees who are not disabled on their last day of state service and are ineligible for federal social security disability benefits would be eligible for state disability retirement benefits if they prevail in or settle a claim brought under the State's Whistleblowers' Protection Act.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that the period of service for a person who might be eligible for disability retirement benefits under the bill's provision ends as of the date of any settlement agreement pursuant to a claim brought under the State's Whistleblowers' Protection Act.

**LD 1045 An Act To Create More Transparency in the Setting of Normal Teacher Retirement Costs**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R KORNFIELD T	OTP-AM	S-59

This bill requires the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to prepare and present an actuarial report on normal teacher retirement costs to a joint meeting of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs matters by May 31st of even-numbered years. It also requires the board to rely on this biennial actuarial report in its determination of the percentage of total teacher compensation required to fund normal teacher retirement costs.

This bill also requires the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to conduct a review of the historical and projected future actuarial value of normal teacher retirement costs. It requires the committee to report the results of its review to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-59)**

This amendment changes the reporting date for the Maine Public Employees Retirement System's actuarial report required in the bill from May 31st of even-numbered years to July 31st, beginning in 2018.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the bill and instead:

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

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

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

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

This amendment was not adopted.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1331      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the      CARRIED OVER**  
**School Revolving Renovation Fund**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1365      An Act To Include Additional Corrections Officers under the 1998      Died Between**  
**Special Plan for Retirement and To Amend the Laws Governing      Houses**  
**Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M JACKSON T	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill adds employees of the Maine Correctional Center, Long Creek Youth Development Center, Downeast Correctional Facility, Mountain View Youth Development Center and Charleston Correctional Facility to the retirement laws governing employees of the Maine State Prison, including the 1998 Special Plan.

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

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-410)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies a cross-reference and adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1510      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the June 2017 Election      CARRIED OVER**

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

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

Certain provisions of this bill are contained in LD 1552 as enacted.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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**LD 1552    An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities and Upgrade Municipal Culverts**

**PUBLIC 299**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-333

The funds provided by these bond issues, in the amount of \$100,000,000 in 2017 and 2018, will be used for the construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 per year in federal and other funds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-333)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the amount of funds provided by the bond issue to \$105,000,000 in 2017 and adds funds for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings. The amendment removes Part B of the bill which provided funds in 2018.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-334)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the authorization to issue bonds for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails and reduces the amount authorized from \$100,000,000 to \$80,000,000 in both 2017 and 2018.

This amendment was not adopted.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 299 provides for a bond issue in the amount of \$105,000,000 to be used for the construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 per year in federal and other funds, and for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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**LD 1586    An Act To Appropriate Funds To Provide Sea Protection and Public Access to the Historic Whaleback Lighthouse in Kittery** **CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1602    An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Agricultural Water Resource Development and Marketing** **CARRIED OVER**

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

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds to the Small Enterprise Growth Board to establish a new equity capital fund, expand the Finance Authority of Maine's subordinated debt capability, and create a new fund within the Maine Technology Institute that will focus on technology centers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-335)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, increases the amount of the bond from \$50,000,000 to \$55,000,000 and provides \$5,000,000 for biomedical research.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)

VOLK A  
FECTEAU R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1644 An Act To Fund the Agreement with Executive Branch Employees**

**PUBLIC 293  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

GIDEON S  
THIBODEAU M

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill does the following:

1. Implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association and the Maine State Employees Association if tentative agreements are ratified.
2. Specifies the costs from the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases and authorizes the transfer by financial order of available General Fund and Highway Fund balances as necessary;
3. Provides for the adjustment of certain salary schedules in fiscal year 2017-18 and in fiscal year 2018-19; and
4. Provides for similar and equitable treatment of confidential employees, probationary employees and other employees excluded from collective bargaining.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 293 does the following:

1. Implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association and the Maine State Employees Association if tentative agreements are ratified.
2. Specifies the costs from the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases and authorizes the transfer by financial order of available General Fund and Highway Fund balances as necessary;
3. Provides for the adjustment of certain salary schedules in fiscal year 2017-18 and in fiscal year 2018-19; and
4. Provides for similar and equitable treatment of confidential employees, probationary employees and other

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employees excluded from collective bargaining.

Public Law 2017, chapter 293 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 24, 2017.



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