

**127th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW OF PROPOSED STUDIES
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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General Fund Miscellaneous Studies - Proposed															
1	SP 533 House study table	May seek outside funding	IFS	The Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee	Advise the Legislature regarding the interests of individuals and employers with respect to any exchange created for the State; serve as a liaison between any exchange and individuals and small business enrolled in the exchange; and evaluate the implementation and operation of any exchange.	TOTAL: 19 Legis: 5 Sen: 2 House: 3 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	Preliminary report 12/4/2015; Final report 11/5/2016	Legislative Council staff during interims, but for no more than 4 meetings annually; may also contract for administrative, professional and clerical services	Nonconforming •Majority not legislators •Size (13) •Report date (December 2)	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000			MS
6	LD 144 Senate study table	Not an emergency May seek outside funding	IFS	Task Force to Study State and Federal Laws Regarding Online Privacy and Data Security to Develop Ways to Further Protect Consumers from Identity Theft and Fraud	Study state and federal laws regarding online privacy and data security; review and analyze best practices from other states to protect consumers against online identity theft and provide data security; and identify policy options for the State to consider to protect consumers from identity theft and fraud when making purchases online.	TOTAL: 13 Legis: 7 Sen: 3 House: 4 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	Legislative Council; AG, DPFR, DAFS to provide assistance, if requested	Conforms	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 3,750				MS
9	LD 155 Emergency Senate study table		HHS	Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients	Study certain issues related to difficult-to-place patients with complex medical conditions and the feasibility of making policy changes to the long-term care system for those patients.	TOTAL: 13 Legis: 5 Sen: 2 House: 3 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	Legislative Council; DHHS shall provide information and assistance as required	Nonconforming •Majority not legislators	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings; may establish subcommittees	\$ 2,750				MS
13	LD 500 On Senate study table	Not an emergency	TAX	Working Group to Develop Solutions to Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel	Solicit input from municipalities with volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical services, volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency personnel and members of the public and identify the reasons for recruitment, training and retention problems and recommend solutions.	TOTAL: 9 Legis: 5 Sen: 2 House: 3 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	Legislative Council	Conforming	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 2,750				MS

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16	LD 665 Emergency Senate study table		HHS	Commission to Study Services Available on the Long-term Care Continuum	Study the issues regarding the continuum of long-term care services in the community and in facilities.	TOTAL: 13 Legis: 5 Sen: 2 House: 3 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	Legislative Council	Nonconforming •Majority not legislators	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 2,750				MS
20	LD 721 Emergency Senate study table	Does not indicate which Senator and Representative should be chair	VLA	Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans	Review the services provided by the State to veterans in order to identify gaps, duplications and inefficiencies.	TOTAL: 13 Legis: 7 Sen: 3 House: 4 Chairs: Senate and House member	1/15/2016	OPLA	Nonconforming •Report date (December 2)	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 3,750				MS
24	LD 902 Emergency Senate study table		TRA	Commission to Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities	Study parking issues that exist for persons with physical disabilities in the State and make recommendations for changes to current law to improve accessibility and convenience.	TOTAL: 11 Legis: 6 Sen: 2 House: 4 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	Legislative Council	Conforming	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 3,250				MS
27	LD 1019 Pt HHHH Emergency Enacted by House and Senate	Study is proposed in majority budget	ACF	Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund	Study the proper use of the fund and possible expansion of the fund to other uses; study how to best manage public lands to preserve forests for recreation, wildlife habitat and public use while ensuring a healthy working forest; review data and current science on how to best manage the State's public lands to deal with possible pests and disease issues; explore investments in Public Lands; and provide an analysis of the impact of outdoor recreation on the State's tourism economy and the role public lands play.	TOTAL: 15 Legis: 5 Sen: 2 House: 3 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/5/2015	Legislative Council	Nonconforming •Majority not legislators •Report date (Dec. 2)	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 2,750				MS

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31	LD 1042 Emergency Senate study table		EDU	Task Force on School Leadership	Conduct a comprehensive study on excellence in school leadership in prekindergarten to grade 12 public schools.	TOTAL: 19 Legis: 5 Sen: 2 House: 3 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	Legislative Council	Nonconforming •Majority not legislators •Report date (Dec. 2)	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 2,750				MS
35	LD 1061 Emergency Senate study table		HHS	Commission to Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism	Examine the most efficient ways for different state systems involved in the lifelong care of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism to provide a stable continuum of care without duplication of efforts and programs and to ensure seamless transitions between departments. Determine viability of and benefits concerning State participation in federal Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.	TOTAL: 13 Legis: 5 Sen: 2 House: 3 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	Legislative Council	Nonconforming •Majority not legislators	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 2,500				MS
Total - General Fund Miscellaneous Studies Proposed											\$ 30,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Balance / (Shortfall) General Fund Miscellaneous											\$ (16,387)	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	

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General Fund Legislative - Ongoing Appropriation															
39	LD 1019 PT A-46 PT DDD Emergency Enacted by House and Senate	Title 5 permanent commission Study is proposed in majority budget (from LD 933)	EDU	Commission to End Student Hunger (on-going)	Work to implement the 5-year plan to end student hunger developed by the Task Force to End Student Hunger in Maine, monitor the plan and update the plan if necessary.	TOTAL: 11 Legis: 2 Sen: 1 House: 1 Chairs: Senate and House member for the first 2 years	Jan. 10 annually	Department of Education	Conforming (exception to Jt. Rule 353) •Permanent commission with 2 legislators	Leg. per diem and expenses; at least 2, but no more than 4 meetings per year; may conduct public meetings throughout the	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	APP
Total - Proposed Ongoing Studies Req. GF Appropriation											\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	
General Fund Legislative - Interim JSC Meeting Budget															
45	LD 905 Emergency Senate study table	Meetings will be paid for from JSC interim meetings budget	HHS	Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	Review the alignment of allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine and make recommendations for how to most effectively support the State's current public health care and preventive health priorities and goals.	TOTAL: 13 Legis: 13 Sen: 3 House: 10 Chairs: Chairs of HHS Committee	12/2/2015	Legislative Council	Conforming	Leg. per diem and expenses; 6 meetings	\$ 10,000				Interim Committee meetings budget
Total - Proposed Studies Req. Use of Baseline Budget for JSC Interim Meetings											\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Highway Fund															
48	LD 706 Emergency Engrossed by Committee A in House and Senate; House finally passed; Senate unfinished business		TRA	Commission to Study Transportation Funding Reform	Analyze options and recommend legislation to reform and adequately supplement funding for State's transportation infrastructure to ensure a safe and reliable transportation system.	TOTAL: 11 Legis: 10 Sen: 3 House: 7 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/2/2015	OPLA and OFPR	Conforming	Leg. per diem and expenses; 6 meetings	\$ 7,750				HF
Total - Proposed Studies Requiring Highway Fund Allocation											\$ 7,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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54	LD 1406 Senate study table	Must seek outside funding to fully fund costs of the task force	EDU	Task Force to Study College Attainment and Degree Completion Goals	Review college completion findings and recommendations included in the December 2014 task force report; examine and review research and data related to establishment of postsecondary education attainment goals; review initiatives proposed by colleges and universities in the State; discuss with colleges and universities in the State proposed state policies and strategies to enable more college students to complete degree programs and graduate from Maine institutions of higher education.	TOTAL: 15 Legis: 7 Sen: 3 House: 4 Chairs: First-named Sen. and Rep.	12/15/2015	UMaine system, MCCS and MMA; DOE, DOL, UMaine System, MCCS, MMA and FAME shall provide information; OPLA shall provide drafting assistance	Nonconforming •Majority not legislators •Report date (December 2)	Leg. per diem and expenses; 4 meetings	\$ 3,750				OSR
Total - Proposed Studies Requiring Outside Funding											\$ 3,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

Policy Area Totals

ACF 1
EDU 3
HHS 4
IFS 2
TAX 1
TRA
VLA
Total 2
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*** Total Cost of Proposed Studies (All Funds):**

Available Studies Budget (General Fund):
(Adjusted for previously authorized studies)

Other Required Funding Sources (Federal & Other Special Revenue):

General Fund Appropriatin:

Highway Fund Allocation:

Interim JSC Baseline Budget

Remaining Balance/(Shortfall) Studies Budget (General Fund):

* Total Cost of Proposed Studies (All Funds):	\$ 52,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Available Studies Budget (General Fund): <i>(Adjusted for previously authorized studies)</i>	\$ 13,613	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Other Required Funding Sources (Federal & Other Special Revenue):	\$ 3,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Appropriatin:	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Highway Fund Allocation:	\$ 7,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interim JSC Baseline Budget	\$ 10,000			
Remaining Balance/(Shortfall) Studies Budget (General Fund):	\$ (16,387)	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

** Future budgets will be adjusted to include the cost of studies authorized on an ongoing basis.*