

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1606****LR 2716(19)****An Act To Provide Funding to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and To Make Additional 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 for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017****Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:****S "A" (S-545)****Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs****Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>Projections FY 2017-18</b>	<b>Projections FY 2018-19</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$150,000)	\$15,007,456	\$15,891,478
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$6,897,190	\$4,990,304	\$4,990,304
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$3,168,441	\$5,594,813	\$5,594,813
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$310,701	\$544,970	\$544,970
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$3,508,792)	(\$10,017,152)	(\$10,901,174)
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$3,168,441	\$5,594,813	\$5,594,813
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$239,093	\$340,538	\$322,497
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$10,555,982	\$0	\$0
Private Trust Funds	\$0	(\$10,555,982)	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Part A of this amendment provides for a transfer of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the funds received pursuant to court order in State of Maine v. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc, and Standard and & Poor's Financial Services, LLC to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

Part B provides a sales tax exemption for fuel used in commercial agricultural production, aquacultural production and wood harvesting and would result in a loss of General Fund and Local Government Fund revenues of \$3,508,792 and \$71,608 respectively, in fiscal year 2016-17.

Part C includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,897,190 in fiscal year 2016-17 for a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for MaineCare Appendix C private nonmedical institutions and adult family care homes. This part also includes a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for the FMAP match and an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation for the Service Provider Tax.

Part D appropriates one time funds of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education for the Jobs for Maine's Graduates - College Program.

Part E establishes the Substance Abuse Assistance Program to provide grants to municipalities and counties. It includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,100,000 to the Department of Public Safety in fiscal year 2016-17 for one Contract Grant Specialist position and grants to municipalities and counties.

Part F creates 3 new peer centers in different parts of the State to coordinate and run peer support programs to help persons in recovery from drug addiction. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to create 2 new peer centers, while the third peer center is identified for creation in fiscal year 2017-18.

Part G of this amendment provides for a transfer of \$10,555,982 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the funds received pursuant to the court order in State of Maine v. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Part H requires the State Controller to transfer \$979,732 from the Office of the State Controller to the Office of the Treasurer, Private Trust Funds no later than October 1, 2016. These funds will be used for consumer and antitrust activities within the Department of the Attorney General and identified in the court decree.

Part I appropriates one time funds of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Student Financial Assistance Program within the Finance Authority of Maine for the Maine State Grant Program.