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State of Maine
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 26, 2015

TO: Honorable James M. Hamper, Senate Chair
Honorable Margaret R. Rotundo, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Ronald F. Collins, Senate Chair
Andrew J. McLean, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

RE: LD 1019, General Fund 2016-2017 Biennial Budget

The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation voted unanimously (of those members present) on March 24, 2015 to approve Parts S and VVV and most of Part A proposed by the Governor and presented at the joint hearing with your Committee. The one initiative that was voted "out" is the last initiative on page 4 and proposes to provide funding for rent in the amount of \$94,700 in each year of the biennium. During our discussions with Colonel Williams of the State Police, it was relayed that this funding is not needed by the department. We have attached the individual budget sheets used to conduct the work session indicating the individual votes for each initiative and language part.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,


(signatures)



Cc: Suzanne Voynik, OFPR
Karen Nadeau-Drillen, OPLA

Sec. A-61. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	313,500	313,500	313,500	313,500
Personal Services	\$20,081,927	\$20,443,334	\$22,677,601	\$22,624,405
All Other	\$9,681,036	\$9,769,797	\$9,769,797	\$9,769,797
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$29,762,963	\$30,213,131	\$32,447,398	\$32,394,202
	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$329,212	\$345,211	\$359,639	\$357,831
All Other	\$2,120,304	\$2,120,304	\$2,120,304	\$2,120,304
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,449,516	\$2,465,515	\$2,479,943	\$2,478,135
	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$276,064	\$286,498	\$312,068	\$306,613
All Other	\$400,539	\$400,539	\$400,539	\$400,539
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$676,603	\$687,037	\$712,607	\$707,152

Justification:

The Maine State Police force provides full law enforcement services to areas that do not have their own police departments. Officers patrol the rural roads, interstate system, and Maine Turnpike enforcing motor vehicle laws and responding to accidents. They investigate all homicides outside of Portland and Bangor as well as other major crimes. The State Police operates a crime lab as well as other specialized law enforcement services, and maintains the criminal history records information.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for fees associated with background checks.

Ref. #: 2564

Committee Vote: 11

AFA Vote: _____

	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$152,142	\$152,142
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$152,142	\$152,142

Justification:

The State Bureau of Identification incurs cost for background checks done by other State agencies, Counties, and Municipalities without being able to collect those related fees as stated in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1541, subsection 6. Those fees over the years have grown from a small reasonable amount to in excess of \$235,000. These costs have not been adequately funded and have a significant impact on the overall budget of the State Police.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for additional vehicles.

Ref. #: 2565

Committee Vote: Y

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$389,948	\$389,948
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$389,948</u>	<u>\$389,948</u>

Justification:

The Maine State Police program has been underfunded for vehicles for a number of years. The cost of vehicles has increased and the replacement criteria for vehicles has been changed to the extent that State Police Troopers could be in danger during high speed pursuit. This initiative increases the number of cars that the Maine State Police can acquire in order to re-establish an adequate fleet of vehicles related to the bureau's mission.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for escort and construction overtime details provided by the Maine State Police.

Ref. #: 2566

Committee Vote: Y

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$385,876	\$400,125
All Other	\$98,818	\$99,082
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$484,694</u>	<u>\$499,207</u>

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for Personal Services and related All Other costs for escort and construction detail provided by the Maine State Police. The costs are paid from the accounts the positions reside in, billed to the entity, and then both the costs and revenue are reflected in the State Police, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for equipment for the Crime Lab including a genotyping software package and an uninterruptable power supply for a gas chromatograph.

Ref. #: 2567

One Time

Committee Vote: Y

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
Capital Expenditures	\$81,250	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$81,250

\$0

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the Crime Lab to purchase a genotyping software package. The current software will not operate properly after computers are upgraded. This also provides funding for an uninterruptable power supply for a gas chromatograph, which would be damaged during power outages.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Reorganizes 21 State Police Trooper positions to State Police Corporal positions.

Ref. #: 2568

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2015-16

2016-17

\$66,570

\$65,268

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$66,570

\$65,268

Justification:

This initiative would allow Maine State Police to reorganize the troop structure to allow for three corporals in each troop. The corporals would increase field supervision of critical incidents, and temporarily assume the full responsibilities of a sergeant when needed. This increased supervision is necessary for the Maine State Police to operate effectively.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for increased technology costs and associated STA-CAP.

Ref. #: 2569

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2015-16

2016-17

\$237,838

\$212,865

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$237,838

\$212,865

Justification:

This initiative increases funding to meet current rates provided by the Office of Information Technology. This increase should maintain operations at current levels.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for the replacement of a micro spectrophotometer.

Ref. #: 2570

One Time

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Capital Expenditures

2015-16

2016-17

\$74,750

\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$74,750 \$0

Justification:

The current micro spectrophotometer requires replacement as it nears the end of its life cycle. The cost for this replacement cannot be absorbed in the Maine State Police budget. The current equipment is seventeen years old.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Reduces funding to align with revenue projections.

Ref. #: 2571

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

2015-16 2016-17
(\$1,186,125) (\$1,186,125)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

(\$1,186,125) (\$1,186,125)

Justification:

The technology budget for the State Police, Federal Expenditures Fund, exceeds the actual grant award used for that purpose. This initiative will bring the budget in line with expected expenditures.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in technology costs.

Ref. #: 2572

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

2015-16 2016-17
\$17,096 \$17,096

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$17,096 \$17,096

Justification:

The initiative provides funding to due to the increase in technology costs.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for rent.

Ref. #: 2574

Committee Vote: out

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2015-16 2016-17
\$94,700 \$94,700

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$94,700 \$94,700

Justification:

A portion of the funding for rents was more appropriately described as Debt Retirement for the lease-purchase of vehicles. When the correction was made, it was determined that the Maine State Police required additional appropriation to cover all rental costs.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one DNA Forensic Analyst position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 2575

Committee Vote: 10

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

2015-16 2016-17

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

1,000 1,000

Personal Services

\$62,530 \$63,157

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$62,530 \$63,157

Ref. #: 2576

Committee Vote: 10

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

2015-16 2016-17

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

(1,000) (1,000)

Personal Services

(\$96,201) (\$97,163)

All Other

\$96,201 \$97,163

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0 \$0

Justification:

This initiative reallocates a position to better align with the duties performed.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Continues one Planning and Research Associate II position established by Financial Order 001678 F4 and continued in Financial Order 002372 F5.

Ref. #: 2577

Committee Vote: 10

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

2015-16 2016-17

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

1,000 1,000

Personal Services

\$66,077 \$67,247

All Other

\$1,224 \$1,246

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$67,301 \$68,493

Justification:

This initiative continues one position and makes it permanent. Funding for this position is derived from a Homeland Security Grant. This position will monitor and track current developments and events regarding persons or subjects of interest using appropriate databases and research programs and tools to help ensure public safety.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocation with the Revenue Forecasting Committee projections of December 2014.

Ref. #: 2578

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	(\$80,445)	(\$76,441)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$80,445)	(\$76,441)

Justification:

Reduces funding to align allocation with the Revenue Forecasting Committee projections of December 2014.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Continues one State Police Trooper position established on Financial Order 002630 F5 and reorganizes the position State Police Specialist position.

Ref. #: 2579

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$87,505	\$89,030
All Other	\$1,600	\$1,628
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$89,105	\$90,658

Justification:

This initiative continues and reorganizes a position to better address the needs of the department.

**STATE POLICE 0291
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	313.500	313.500	314.500	314.500
Personal Services	\$20,081,927	\$20,443,334	\$22,806,701	\$22,752,830
All Other	\$9,681,036	\$9,769,797	\$10,644,425	\$10,619,452
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$156,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$29,762,963	\$30,213,131	\$33,607,126	\$33,372,282

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$329,212	\$345,211	\$417,020	\$416,945
All Other	\$2,120,304	\$2,120,304	\$1,033,204	\$1,034,216
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,449,516	\$2,465,515	\$1,450,224	\$1,451,161

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$276,064	\$286,498	\$697,944	\$706,738
All Other	\$400,539	\$400,539	\$436,008	\$440,276
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$676,603	\$687,037	\$1,133,952	\$1,147,014

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$297,423	\$310,522	\$312,889	\$311,945
All Other	\$5,347	\$5,347	\$5,891	\$5,903
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$302,770	\$315,869	\$318,780	\$317,848

Justification:

Oversees and enforces the laws regarding vehicle size and weight for the protection of Maine's infrastructure. Verifies compliance of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations through both roadside enforcement efforts and terminal safety reviews of Motor Carriers, all in an effort to reduce commercial vehicle related crashes statewide. Roadside enforcement includes the verification of valid commercial driver's licenses, hours-of-service for drivers, vehicle safety inspections, and the weighing of vehicles.

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 5 Motor Carrier Inspector positions from 63% Highway Fund and 37% Federal Expenditures Fund; one Motor Carrier Inspector position from 62% Highway Fund and 38% Federal Expenditures Fund; one Motor Carrier Inspector position from 61.91% Highway Fund and 38.09% Federal Expenditures Fund; and one Motor Carrier Inspections Supervisor position from 66% Highway Fund and 34% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% Highway Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program; and, reallocates one State Police Corporal position and one State Police Trooper position from 63% Highway Fund and 37% Federal Expenditures Fund, to 100% Highway Fund in the Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program.

Ref. #: 2624

Committee Vote: 10

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$3,765	\$3,289
All Other	\$50	\$50
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,815	\$3,339

Justification:

Reallocates positions allowed to be charged to Federal Motor Carrier grant.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT 0715
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$297,423	\$310,522	\$316,654	\$315,234
All Other	\$5,347	\$5,347	\$5,941	\$5,953
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$302,770	\$315,869	\$322,595	\$321,187

Turnpike Enforcement 0547

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	36.000	36.000	36.000	36.000
Personal Services	\$4,343,362	\$4,472,011	\$4,675,355	\$4,642,738
All Other	\$1,153,761	\$1,153,761	\$1,179,445	\$1,179,767
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,597,123	\$5,725,772	\$5,854,800	\$5,822,505

Justification:

Provide law enforcement coverage, such as motor vehicle enforcement, crash investigation, and criminal investigation in order to provide a safe motoring environment on the Turnpike.

Turnpike Enforcement 0547

Initiative: Provides funding for the replacement of 10 vehicles.

Ref. #: 2616

Committee Vote: Y

AFA Vote:

	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Capital Expenditures	\$290,600	\$290,600
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$290,600	\$290,600

Justification:

The Turnpike Enforcement program has a replacement cycle for vehicles that requires the purchase of seven Police Interceptor SUVs and three Police Interceptor sedans per year of the 2016-2017 biennium.

TURNPIKE ENFORCEMENT 0547

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	36.000	36.000	36.000	36.000
Personal Services	\$4,343,362	\$4,472,011	\$4,675,355	\$4,642,738
All Other	\$1,153,761	\$1,153,761	\$1,179,445	\$1,179,767
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$290,600	\$290,600
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,597,123	\$5,725,772	\$6,145,400	\$6,113,105

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$33,607,126	\$33,372,282
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,772,819	\$1,772,348
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$7,279,352	\$7,260,119
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$42,659,297	\$42,404,749

Sec. A-65. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,720	\$103,626	\$107,727	\$105,492
All Other	\$186,359	\$185,200	\$185,200	\$185,200
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$287,079	\$288,826	\$292,927	\$290,692

Justification:

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) was established to provide public safety and better regulation of traffic through administration of the laws of the State relating to motor vehicles and to the operators and operation thereof. Under the auspices of the Secretary of State, the Bureau provides the general public with a main office, thirteen branch office locations, and 506 municipalities throughout the state, where motor vehicle registrations may be obtained. There are approximately 1.4 million vehicle registrations processed annually.

The Bureau provides titling of approximately 400,000 motor vehicles annually. The Bureau collects and submits sales tax to Maine Revenue Services when a vehicle is purchased and registered through a private sale. There were approximately 191,574 vehicles registered as private sales and BMV collected \$28,553,224 in sales tax revenues in fiscal year 2013-14.

The Bureau is also responsible for implementing commercial vehicle laws, including truck registration, weight permits, and fuel tax programs.

Driver licenses may be obtained at the main office, in the thirteen branch office locations and through 23 mobile unit locations. There are roughly 1,011,385 licensed drivers in the State. The Bureau ensures that applicants applying for operator licenses have the ability, knowledge and necessary skills for safe vehicle operation.

The Bureau investigates and licenses motor vehicle and trailer dealers; conducts hearings on violations of motor vehicle laws to determine if the individual's privilege to operate or register a vehicle should be suspended, withheld or revoked and also determines when reinstatement is permissible. There are approximately 7,000 hearings conducted on an annual basis and approximately 50,000 reinstatement fees collected.

The Bureau administers the driver and motorcycle education programs, by licensing and monitoring 269 driver education schools, 63 motorcycle schools, 22 truck schools and 452 instructors.

The Bureau also has a Medical Review unit which is responsible for the determination of a driver's ability to operate a vehicle based on various functional ability profiles and on adverse driving reports received. This unit performs approximately 42,000 reviews each year and this number is rising.

The total estimated undedicated revenue the Bureau will be collecting for the Highway Fund for the 2016-2017 biennium is \$178,031,644.

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Reduces funding to align expenditures with anticipated resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other	2015-16	2016-17
	(\$4,101)	(\$1,866)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$4,101)	(\$1,866)

Justification:

Provides for a reduction in All Other expenditures for the Maine Motor Vehicle Franchise Fund in order to match revenue projections.

**ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR VEHICLES 0077
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$100,720	\$103,626	\$107,727	\$105,492
All Other	\$186,359	\$185,200	\$181,099	\$183,334
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$287,079	\$288,826	\$288,826	\$288,826

Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund 0871

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000

Justification:

The Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund is a dedicated, nonlapsing fund established by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29A section 533-A1. An apportioned excise tax is collected and deposited into the fund from nonresident owners of commercial vehicles participating in the International Registration Plan who are paying an apportioned registration fee to the State of Maine. The revenue collected is used to reimburse municipalities for lost excise tax revenue. The Secretary of State reimburses participating municipalities the difference between the amount of excise tax that would have been collected on certain commercial vehicles in the previous fiscal year based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP), and the actual amount of excise tax that was collected in the previous year based on the vehicle selling price. Municipal participation in the reimbursement program is optional. Any revenue collected in the previous fiscal year over and above the total amount reimbursed to all participating municipalities in the current fiscal year reverts back to the Highway Fund.

**MUNICIPAL EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT FUND 0871
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2013-14	History 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$925,000

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2015-16	2016-17
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$485,423	\$485,423
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,213,826	\$1,213,826
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,699,249</u>	<u>\$1,699,249</u>

financing arrangements in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division.

PART S

Sec. S-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services; lease-purchase authorization. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, may enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police. The financing arrangements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$2,600,000 in principal costs, and a financing arrangement may not exceed 3 years in duration. The interest rate may not exceed 5%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations and allocations in the State Police accounts.

SUMMARY PART S

This Part authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Department of Public Safety.

PART T

Sec. T-1. Voluntary employee incentive programs. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 903, subsections 1 and 2, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall offer for use prior to July 1, 2017 special voluntary employee incentive programs for state employees, including a 50% workweek, flexible position staffing and time off without pay. Employee participation in a voluntary employee incentive program is subject to the approval of the employee's appointing authority.

Sec. T-2. Continuation of group health insurance. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 285, subsection 7 and Title 5, section 903, the State shall continue to pay health and dental insurance benefits for a state employee who applies prior to July 1, 2017 and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under section 1 based upon the scheduled workweek in effect prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

Sec. T-3. Continuation of group life insurance. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 903 and 18056 and the rules of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, the life, accidental death and dismemberment, supplemental and dependent insurance amounts for a state employee who applies prior to July 1, 2017 and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under section 1 are based upon the scheduled hours of the employee prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

Sec. T-4. General Fund savings. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,

PART UUU

Sec. UUU-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Archives. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance in the Personal Services line category at the end of fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 to the next fiscal year in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Archives program. The amounts carried forward may be transferred to the All Other line category upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor for the purpose of providing funding for archive activities.

**SUMMARY
PART UUU**

This Part authorizes the Department of Secretary of State to carry Personal Services funding in the Administration – Archives program and authorizes the carried funds to be transferred by financial order to the All Other line category in the same program.

PART VVV

Sec. VVV-1. Transfer from General Fund undedicated revenue; Callahan Mine Site

Restoration, Department of Transportation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$900,000 by August 15, 2015 and \$750,000 by August 15, 2016 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Callahan Mine Site Restoration program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Transportation to be used to design and implement clean-up initiatives at the Callahan Mine site.

**SUMMARY
PART VVV**

This Part requires the State Controller to transfer \$900,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Callahan Mine Site Restoration program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Transportation.

PART WWW

Sec. WWW- 1. 34-A. MRSA §1403, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 491, §3, is further amended to read:

D. The commissioner may appoint and set the salary for a director of operations and a policy development coordinator ~~and a media and public information officer~~ to assist in carrying out the responsibilities of the department. An appointment is for an indeterminate term and until a successor is appointed and qualified or during the pleasure of the commissioner.

**SUMMARY
PART WWW**

This Part removes the media and public information officer from this section. This position is