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**An Act to Address Funding Needs for State Employees Affected by
Federal Funding Disruptions**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** uncertainty and lack of clarity surrounds the distribution of federal funding
4 to state agencies; and

5 **Whereas,** without federal funding, certain state agencies may have to lay off valuable
6 state employees; and

7 **Whereas,** if there are unavoidable layoffs, the State is bound, by contractual
8 obligations, to give 10 days' notice of an impending layoff to any bargaining unit employee;
9 and

10 **Whereas,** any state employee subject to a layoff due to lack of federal funding may
11 qualify for unemployment benefits; and

12 **Whereas,** state agencies will have to fund these unemployment benefits, which were
13 likely not accounted for in prior budgeting; and

14 **Whereas,** it is critically important that this legislation take effect before the expiration
15 of the 90-day period; and

16 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
17 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
18 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
19 therefore,

20 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

21 **Sec. 1. Transfer from Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to**
22 **Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Departments and**
23 **Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account.** Notwithstanding any
24 provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller may transfer up to \$2,500,000 from
25 the balance available in the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to the Departments
26 and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account within the Department of
27 Administrative and Financial Services to address funding needs related to layoff
28 obligations for state employees affected by federal funding disruptions that are not
29 otherwise directly chargeable to those federal funding sources.

30 **Sec. 2. Transfer to Department of Administrative and Financial Services,**
31 **Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General Fund account;**
32 **special account funding.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State
33 Controller may authorize the transfer of Personal Services expenditures to address funding
34 needs related to layoff obligations for state employees affected by federal funding
35 disruptions that are not otherwise directly chargeable to those federal funding sources from
36 any federal fund account to the Departments and Agencies - Statewide program, General
37 Fund account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.
38 Expenditures may be transferred in circumstances in which federal funding has been
39 appropriated or awarded and has been unexpectedly removed, to help cover the 10-day
40 notice period that is contractually required when a state employee is laid off and to cover
41 shortfalls in an agency's unemployment fund due to these unexpected layoffs.

