

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
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LD1995: An Act To Make Supplemental 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, 2022 and June 30, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

The proposed budget may be viewed at: <https://legislature.maine.gov/11892>

Parts A contains all Departments and their associated programs (each in alphabetical order) for which the Governor is proposing supplemental initiatives. Part B (which is not part of the public hearings) contains approved reclassifications and range changes. the last link contains the proposed language Parts C through PP

Please Note: Committees will not be receiving testimony at the State House complex and will be conducting meetings electronically. Submit written testimony electronically or sign up to testify at <https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/>. You may also send written testimony to Appropriations and Financial Affairs 100 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333-0100. Committee meetings may be heard at www.mainelegislature.org or viewed at www.youtube.com/mainestatelegislature (click on the AFA Channel)

Special Note to Departments and Agencies: If you are presenting a program and associated initiatives on behalf of a Department or Agency please call or email the committee clerk to sign up to testify. Tell the clerk that you are a department or agency presenter and be prepared to give your email address and the names and email addresses of any staff you would like to appear with you. Check the full schedule for your department or agency because some departments are assigned to more than one Policy Committee (hearing block) and require separate signups and separate testimony. Please submit your testimony at least 2 hours prior to the start of your hearing block.

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Monday February 28th	
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:	
9:30 AM	Executive Department and Department of Health and Human Services Testimony
1:00 PM	Public Testimony on all Part A Initiatives and Language under the Following Departments and Programs
Executive Department – Office of the Governor	
Ombudsman Program	
<i>Language (Part “BB” makes changes to the laws governing the child welfare ombudsman program)</i>	
Health and Human Services, Department of	
Child Care Services	
Community Services Block Grant	
Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations	
Developmental Services – Community	
Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare	
Developmental Services Waiver – Supports	
Disproportionate Share – Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center	
Disproportionate Share – Riverview Psychiatric Center	
Division of Licensing and Certification	
Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center	
Homeless Youth Program	
IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance	
Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services	
Low-Cost Drugs to Maine’s Elderly	
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	
Maternal and Child Health	
Medicaid Services – Developmental Services	
Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services	
Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions	
Medical Care – Payments to Providers	
Mental Health Services – Child Medicaid	
Mental Health Services – Children	
Mental Health Services – Community	
Mental Health Services – Community Medicaid	
Nursing Facilities	
Office for Family Independence - District	
Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services	
Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office	
Office of Child and Family Services – Central	
Office of Child and Family Services – District	
Office of MaineCare Services	
Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srv-Medicaid Seed	
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	

Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund
PNMI Room and Board
Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment
Riverview Psychiatric Center
State Funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
Traumatic Brain Injury Seed
<i>Language (Part "DD" designates the DHHS Senior Legal Advisor position as one appointed by the Commissioner and makes the salary subject to adjustment by the Governor)</i>
<i>Language (Part "EE" repeals language associated with the consolidation of MaineCare related programs and accounts)</i>
<i>Language (Part "FF" transfers \$30,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund in FY22)</i>
<i>Language (Part "GG" Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer savings incurred from the increase in FMAP per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, section 9817, from various General Fund MaineCare program accounts to Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers and the Office of MaineCare Services programs to be used for federally authorized purposes.)</i>
<i>Language (Part "HH" carries forward any unexpended balance of the \$1,335,770 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 1 to DHHS, Office of Family Independence to meet reinvestment obligations for penalties incurred in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in 2019)</i>
Tuesday March 1st
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:
9:30 AM Department, Agency, and Higher Education Testimony
1:00 PM Public Testimony on all Part A Initiatives and Language under the Following Departments and Programs
Community College System, Board of Trustees of the Maine
Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees
MCCA Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years
<i>Language (Part "OO" transfers \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the newly created MCCA Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years, Other Special Revenue Funds account)</i>
Maritime Academy, Maine
Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino
Maritime Academy – Operations
<i>Language (Part "MM" provides that the entire amount of any borrowing by the Maine Maritime Academy where at least part of the related debt service will be funded by a commitment from the Maine Legislature should be excluded from the total amount limitation)</i>
University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the
Debt Service – University of Maine System
Educational & General Activities – UMS
University of Maine Scholarship Fund
Humanities Council, Maine
Humanities Council
Library, Maine State
Imagination Library of Maine Program
Maine State Library
<i>Language (Part "LL" transfers \$200,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Imagination Library of Maine Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine State Library to provide funding for the creation of the Imagination Library of Maine Fund.)</i>
Museum, Maine State
Maine State Museum
Education, State Board of
State Board of Education
Education, Department of
Adult Education
Child Development Services
Education in Unorganized Territory
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA)
Higher Education and Educator Support Services
Leadership Team
Learning Systems Team
Local Foods Program
Maine Commission for Community Service
Maine School Safety Center
Office of Innovation
Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways
School and Student Supports
School Finance and Operations
Special Services Team
<i>Language Part "C" establishes the Total Cost of Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12, the state contribution, and the mill expectation for the local contribution for fiscal year 2022-2023; Enacts an annual budgetary hardship adjustment for school administrative units ; provides one-year adjustments to the Essential Programs and Services funding model amends National Board salary supplement and scholarship fund language t; provides one-year adjustments to the Essential Programs and Services funding model; provides additional funding to Career and Technical Education schools.)</i>
<i>Language (Part "W" makes changes to several positions within the Department of Education)</i>

<i>Language (Part "X" changes the authority to issue securities for equipment purchases for career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions from the Maine Governmental Facility to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank)</i>
<i>Language (Part "Y" transfers \$30,000,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the newly created Education Stabilization Fund)</i>

Wednesday March 2nd
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committees on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services:
10:00 AM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Accident – Sickness – Health Insurance
Office of Affordable Health Care
<i>Language (Part "Q" adds the Director, Office of Affordable Healthcare to the list of positions with salaries set by the Governor)</i>
Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection
Dental Practice – Board of

Wednesday March 2nd
To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:
10:30 AM Department and Office Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
<i>Language (Part "I" transfers \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund in FY22)</i>
<i>Language (Part "K" authorizes the State Controller to transfer up to \$8,500,000 from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund)</i>
Treasurer of the State, Office of
Debt Service - Treasury
Legislature
Study Commissions – Funding
<i>Language (Part "KK" transfers \$300,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Legislature, Study Commissions - Funding Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the costs of contracting with an outside entity to conduct and complete an actuarial study as to develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program)</i>

Wednesday March 2nd
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:
1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program
Revenue Services – Bureau of
Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund – Finance
<i>Language (Part "E" increases the earned income tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, from 25% to 50% of the federal earned income tax credit for individuals with no qualifying children and from 12% to 25% of the federal earned income tax credit for all other eligible individuals.)</i>
<i>Language (Part "F" increases the maximum property tax fairness credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, from \$750 to \$1,000 for resident individuals under 65 years of age and from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for resident individuals 65 years of age and older)</i>
<i>Language (Part "G" provides an income tax deduction for payments made directly to a lender on behalf of a taxpayer by a student loan repayment program funded by a nonprofit foundation and administered by the Finance Authority of Maine for residents of the State employed by a business located in the State)</i>
<i>Language (Part "H" replaces the current credit for educational opportunity)</i>
<i>Language (Part "L" creates the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program and funds it with a \$411,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund)</i>
Property Tax Review, State Board of
Property Tax Review - State Board of
Treasurer of the State, Office of
Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund
State – Municipal Revenue Sharing

Thursday March 3rd
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:
10:00 AM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Corrections, Department of
Administration – Corrections
Office of Victim Services
<i>Language (Part "S" Authorizes the Department of Corrections to transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances in the Long Creek Youth Development Center program, for FY22 and FY23 only, in order to fund juvenile community programs and services.)</i>
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
Administration – Maine Emergency Management Agency
Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
Thursday March 3rd
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation (see note)
<i>Note: The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may also participate in the State Police portion of the hearing</i>
11:00 AM Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Public Safety, Department of
State Police
Transportation, Department of
<i>Language (Part "PP" transfers \$85,000,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of supporting highway and bridge projects and transfers \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Multimodal Transportation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of supporting multimodal transportation projects.)</i>
Thursday March 3rd
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor & Housing
1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
<i>Language (Part "NN" transfers up to \$14,700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to a reserve for retirement benefits established within the General Fund in 5 MRSA §1552 to fund a one-time retirement payment for retired state employees and teachers.)</i>
Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations
Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations
Economic and Community Development, Department of
Housing Opportunity Program
<i>Language (Part "U" establishes the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to encourage and support the development of additional housing units in Maine)</i>
Housing Authority, Maine State
Housing Authority – State
Labor, Department of
Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the
Employment Security Services
Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations
Regulation and Enforcement
Workers' Compensation Board
Administration – Workers' Compensation Board

Friday, March 4th
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:
10:00 AM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Attorney General, Department of
Administration – Attorney General
Human Services Division
<i>Language (Part "R" transfers \$750,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Office of the Attorney General, Victim's Compensation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds)</i>
Human Rights Commission, Maine
Human Rights Commission – Regulation
Judicial Department
Courts – Supreme, Superior and District
<i>Language (Part "JJ" transfers \$1,300,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Maine Civil Legal Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Judicial Branch)</i>
Pine Tree Legal Assistance
Legal Assistance

Friday, March 4th
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology:
1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
Efficiency Maine Trust
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<i>Language (Part "Z" transfers \$7,000,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Efficiency Maine Trust, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support electric vehicle rebate programs including incentive programs)</i>
Executive Department
Governor's Energy Office
Public Advocate

Friday, March 4th
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:

3:00 PM	Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
	Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of
	Animal Welfare Fund
	Bureau of Agriculture
	Division of Forest Protection
	Forest Resource Management
	Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives
	Geology and Resource Information
	Harness Racing Commission
	Land for Maine's Future
	Land for Maine's Future - Community Conservation Projects
	Maine Conservation Corps
	Maine Land Use Planning Commission
	Milk Commission
	Natural Areas Program
	Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program
	Office of the Commissioner
	Parks – General Operations
	<i>Language (Part "M" changes the Deputy Director position within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Bureau of Parks and Lands to a classified, confidential position)</i>
	<i>Language (Part "N" changes the Deputy Commissioner reference in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's major policy-influencing positions list from singular to plural)</i>
	<i>Language (Part "O" transfers \$1,500,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Community-based Greenhouse-Bureau of Agriculture, Other Special Revenue Funds account)</i>
	<i>Language (Part "P" transfers \$3,000,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, PFAS Reserve-Bureau of Agriculture, Other Special Revenue Funds account to assist farmers and agricultural producers in the State that have been affected by PFAS contamination, to support critical PFAS research and to otherwise allow for the department to strategically and effectively respond to PFAS concerns and issues.)</i>
	Baxter State Park Authority
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	Finance Authority of Maine
	Dairy Improvement Fund
	University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the
	Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund
	Monday, March 7th
	To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:
10:00 AM	Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
	Administration – Human Resources
	Buildings & Grounds Operations
	Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements – Administration
	Central Administrative Applications
	Financial and Personnel Services – Division of
	Information Services
	Office of the Commissioner – Administrative & Financial Services
	Purchases – Division of
	Risk Management – Claims
	Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program
	Executive Department
	Administration – Executive – Governor's Office
	Office of Policy Innovation and the Future
	Secretary of State, Department of
	Administration – Archives
	Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations
	Treasurer of the State, Office of
	Administration – Treasury
	Monday, March 7th
	To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business
1:00 PM	Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
	Economic and Community Development, Department of
	Administration – Economic and Community Development
	Business Development
	Maine Economic Growth Council
	<i>Language (Part "V" transfers \$970,100 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Economic and Community Development - Admin, Other Special Revenue Funds account to cover certain operating expenses associated with Loring Development Authority of Maine)</i>
	Finance Authority of Maine
	Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund

<i>Language (Part "CC" amends the Nurse Educators Loan Repayment Program and amends the date by which funds in the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program must be expended.)</i>	
Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of Licensing and Enforcement	
Monday, March 7th	
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:	
3:00 PM	Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
	Alcoholic Beverages – General Operations
	Lottery Operations
	Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
	Military Training & Operations
	Veterans Services
	<i>Language (Part "J" transfers \$6,500,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Military Reserve Fund to settle outstanding obligations of the Maine Military Authority)</i>
	<i>Language (Part "T" carries forward the remaining portion of previous one-time funding for environmental closure activity costs at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone)</i>
	Ethics and Elections Practices, Commission on Governmental
	Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on
	Public Safety, Department of
	Gambling Control Board
Tuesday, March 8th	
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:	
10:00 AM	Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:
	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
	<i>Language (Part "D" authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$39,500,000 for an inland fisheries and wildlife headquarters facility and provides authority for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase the land.)</i>
	Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of
	Endangered Nongame Operations
	Enforcement Operations – IF&W
	Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations
	Landowner Relations Fund
	Office of the Commissioner – IF&W
	Public Information and Education, Division of
	Resource Management Services – IF&W
	<i>Language (Part "II" transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Resource Management Services – Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to provide matching funds for the construction of the Fryeburg shooting range.)</i>
Tuesday, March 8th	
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:	
1:00 PM	Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives Under the Following Programs:
	Marine Resources, Department of
	Bureau of Marine Science
	Bureau of Policy and Management
	Bureau of Public Health
	Marine Patrol – Bureau of
	Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat
Tuesday, March 8th	
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:	
2:00 PM	Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Programs:
	Environmental Protection, Department of
	Administration – Environmental Protection
	Air Quality
	Land Resources
	Maine Environmental Protection Fund
	Performance Partnership Grant
	Remediation and Waste Management
	Water Quality
	<i>Language (Part "AA" transfers \$3,200,000 in FY22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection, Uncontrolled Sites Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to assist Maine laboratories with equipment purchases that will increase capacity for sample testing and analysis of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS)</i>