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H.P. 579

House of Representatives, March 10, 2015

An Act To Address Unmet Public Transportation Needs

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and
Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, FREY of Bangor, GILLWAY of Searsport,
GOLDEN of Lewiston, GROHMAN of Biddeford, McLEAN of Gorham, WINSOR of
Norway, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Transfer from Multimodal Transportation Fund, Other Special**
3 **Revenue Funds account.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State
4 Controller shall transfer, beginning June 1, 2016 and every June 1st thereafter, \$500,000
5 from the Multimodal Transportation Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds
6 account within the Department of Transportation, to the Multimodal Transit Fund
7 program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Transportation.
8 The funds must be distributed to public transportation providers statewide to better meet
9 the need for such services.

10 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
11 allocations are made.

12 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
13 **Multimodal - Transit 0443**

14 Initiative: Provides additional funding for public transportation services. The funds must
15 be distributed to public transportation providers statewide to better meet the need for such
16 services.

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18	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
19	All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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21	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill provides an ongoing General Fund appropriation to the Department of
24 Transportation of \$3,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2015-16. The bill also requires the
25 State Controller to transfer, beginning June 1, 2016 and every June 1st thereafter,
26 \$500,000 from the Multimodal Transportation Fund program, Other Special Revenue
27 Funds account within the Department of Transportation, to the Multimodal Transit Fund
28 program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Transportation.
29 The funds must be distributed to public transportation providers statewide to better meet
30 the need for such services.