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**An Act To Provide Allocations for the Administration of State Fiscal
Recovery Funds**

(EMERGENCY)

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth. (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,** the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2,
4 establishes the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

5 **Whereas,** the State Fiscal Recovery Fund will be used to provide funds to the State
6 to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and to its negative economic effects,
7 including by providing assistance to households and small and nonprofit businesses, aid to
8 affected industries, such as tourism, travel and hospitality, and assistance to workers
9 performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

10 **Whereas,** funding is needed to ensure the proper coordination, processing, tracking,
11 reporting, reconciling, compliance, auditing and program guidance monitoring and
12 summarizing of the funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

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

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

18 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
19 allocations are made.

20 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
21 **American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management**

22 Initiative: Provides one-time allocations necessary to support all aspects of financial
23 management oversight of funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established in the
24 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, including state discretionary
25 and direct funds as well as the local passthrough funds authorized in the federal American
26 Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE			
PLAN STATE FISCAL RECOVERY			
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN			
STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL			

35 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**
36 **American Rescue Plan Economic, Workforce and Innovation**

37 Initiative: Provides one-time allocations for preliminary program, metrics and assessment
38 tool development for economic development, innovation and workforce programs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE			
PLAN STATE FISCAL RECOVERY			

1	All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0
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3	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4	FUND – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN			
5	STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL			

6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
7 takes effect when approved.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill establishes the American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program
10 Management program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and
11 provides for an allocation from the Federal Expenditures Fund – American Rescue Plan
12 State Fiscal Recovery fund. Funds must be used for all aspects of financial management
13 oversight of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, including state
14 discretionary and direct funds as well as the local passthrough funds. This bill also
15 establishes the American Rescue Plan Economic, Workforce and Innovation program
16 within the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide one-time
17 allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund – American Rescue Plan State Fiscal
18 Recovery fund for preliminary program, metrics and assessment tool development for
19 economic development, innovation and workforce programs.