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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 906, L.D. 2113, “An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by a Federal Shutdown”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal Government or State Government Shutdown'

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 2nd paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Government" the following: 'or the State Government'

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph (page 1, lines 5 to 7 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Whereas, during a partial shutdown or full shutdown of the Federal Government or the State Government, these federal or state employees are not paid, regardless of whether they are working, which causes enormous stress, both fiscal and emotional, on those employees; and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §159 is enacted to read:

§159. Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund established

The Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Office of the Treasurer of State. All money received by the fund from any source, including any transfers from the General Fund unappropriated surplus, must be credited to the fund. Money credited to the fund must be used to guarantee the repayment of loans made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**FEDERAL**" and inserting the following: '**GOVERNMENT**'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH by striking out all of subsection
2 1 (page 1, lines 30 to 34 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

3 **1. Affected employee.** "Affected employee" means a person employed by the Federal
4 Government or the State Government or any federal or state agency who, during a
5 shutdown, is:

6 A. A resident of the State; and

7 B. Required to work as a federal or state employee without pay or furloughed as a
8 federal or state employee without pay.'

9 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH in subsection 11 in the first line
10 (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the
11 following: 'Government'

12 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH in subsection 12 in the 2nd line
13 (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Government" the following: 'or
14 the State Government'

15 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH in subsection 12 in the 2nd line
16 (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "14" and inserting the following: '7'

17 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in the first line (page 2, line 29 in
18 L.D.) by striking out the following: "**Federal**" and inserting the following: '**Government**'

19 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in subsection 1 in the first line
20 (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the
21 following: 'Government'

22 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page
23 2, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following:
24 'Government'

25 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in subsection 1 in the 6th line (page
26 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "158" and inserting the following: '159'

27 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-JJ in subsection 1 in paragraph B in
28 subparagraph (1) in the first line (page 3, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
29 "federal" the following: 'or state'

30 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-KK in subsection 2 in the 4th line
31 (page 5, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following:
32 'Government'

33 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-KK in subsection 2 in the 5th line
34 (page 5, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "158" and inserting the following:
35 '159'

36 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-LL in subsection 4 in the next to the
37 last line (page 5, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the
38 following: 'Government'

39 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-LL in subsection 4 in the last line
40 (page 5, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "158" and inserting the following:
41 '159'

1 Amend the bill in section 3 in the 3rd line (page 6, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the
2 following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

3 Amend the bill in section 3 in the 4th line (page 6, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the
4 following: "158" and inserting the following: '159'

5 Amend the bill in section 4 in the 5th line (page 6, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the
6 following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

7 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

8 '**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
9 allocations are made.

10 **TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF**

11 **Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund N296**

12 Initiative: Establishes the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund with a
13 \$250,000 transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

14 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
15 All Other	\$250,000	\$0
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17 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$250,000	\$0

18 '

19 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
20 number to read consecutively.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title of the
23 bill. The amendment also changes the name of the loan guarantee program established in
24 the bill and expands the scope of employees eligible for the program to include state
25 employees affected by a shutdown. The amendment also changes the definition of
26 "shutdown" to mean a full or partial shutdown of the Federal Government or the State
27 Government that lasts longer than 7 days. The bill defined "shutdown" to mean a full or
28 partial shutdown of the Federal Government that lasts longer than 14 days.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 **(See attached)**