

**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](http://www.mainelegislature.org) or viewed at [www.youtube.com/mainestatelegislature](http://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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<b>Monday February 28th</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:</b>
<b>9:30 AM Executive Department and Department of Health and Human Services Testimony</b>
<b>1:00 PM Public Testimony on all Part A Initiatives and Language under the Following Departments and Programs</b>
<b>Executive Department – Office of the Governor</b>
Ombudsman Program
<i>Language (Part “BB” makes changes to the laws governing the child welfare ombudsman program)</i>
<b>Health and Human Services, Department of</b>
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

<b>Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund</b>
<b>PNMI Room and Board</b>
<b>Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment</b>
<b>Riverview Psychiatric Center</b>
<b>State Funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance</b>
<b>Traumatic Brain Injury Seed</b>
<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

*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)*

**Maritime Academy, Maine**

Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino  
Maritime Academy – Operations

*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 )*

**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

*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.)*

**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

*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.)*

*Language (Part "W" makes changes to several positions within the Department of Education)*

<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>

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

<b>Wednesday March 2nd</b>
<b>To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:</b>
<b>10:30 AM Department and Office Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Administrative and Financial Services, Department of</b>
<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>
<b>Treasurer of the State, Office of</b>
Debt Service - Treasury
<b>Legislature</b>
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>

<b>Wednesday March 2nd</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:</b>
<b>1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Administrative and Financial Services, Department of</b>
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>
<b>Property Tax Review, State Board of</b>
Property Tax Review - State Board of
<b>Treasurer of the State, Office of</b>
Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund
State – Municipal Revenue Sharing

<b>Thursday March 3rd</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:</b>
<b>10:00 AM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Corrections, Department of</b>
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>
<b>Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of</b>
Administration – Maine Emergency Management Agency
<b>Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine</b>
Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

<b>Thursday March 3rd</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation (see note)</b>
<i>Note: The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may also participate in the State Police portion of the hearing</i>
<b>11:00 AM Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Public Safety, Department of</b> State Police
<b>Transportation, Department of</b> <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>
<b>Thursday March 3rd</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor &amp; Housing</b>
<b>1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Administrative and Financial Services, Department of</b> <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>
<b>Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations</b> Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations
<b>Economic and Community Development, Department of</b> 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>
<b>Housing Authority, Maine State</b> Housing Authority – State
<b>Labor, Department of</b> Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the Employment Security Services Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations Regulation and Enforcement
<b>Workers' Compensation Board</b> Administration – Workers' Compensation Board

<b>Friday, March 4th</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:</b>
<b>10:00 AM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Attorney General, Department of</b> 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>
<b>Human Rights Commission, Maine</b> Human Rights Commission – Regulation
<b>Judicial Department</b> 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>
<b>Pine Tree Legal Assistance</b> Legal Assistance

<b>Friday, March 4th</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology:</b>
<b>1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Efficiency Maine Trust</b> Efficiency Maine Trust <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>
<b>Executive Department</b> Governor's Energy Office Public Advocate

<b>Friday, March 4th</b>
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:</b>
<b>3:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>

<b>Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of</b>
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>
<b>Baxter State Park Authority</b>
Baxter State Park Authority
<b>Finance Authority of Maine</b>
Dairy Improvement Fund
<b>University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the</b>
Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund
<b>Monday, March 7th</b>
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:
<b>10:00 AM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Administrative and Financial Services, Department of</b>
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
<b>Executive Department</b>
Administration – Executive – Governor's Office
Office of Policy Innovation and the Future
<b>Secretary of State, Department of</b>
Administration – Archives
Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations
<b>Treasurer of the State, Office of</b>
Administration – Treasury
<b>Monday, March 7th</b>
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business
<b>1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
<b>Economic and Community Development, Department of</b>
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>
<b>Finance Authority of Maine</b>
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>	
<b>Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of</b> Licensing and Enforcement	
<b>Monday, March 7th</b>	
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:</b>	
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
	<b>Administrative and Financial Services, Department of</b>
	Alcoholic Beverages – General Operations
	Lottery Operations
	<b>Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of</b>
	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>
	<b>Ethics and Elections Practices, Commission on Governmental</b>
	Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on
	<b>Public Safety, Department of</b>
	Gambling Control Board
<b>Tuesday, March 8th</b>	
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:</b>	
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:</b>
	<b>Administrative and Financial Services, Department of</b>
	<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>
	<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of</b>
	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>
<b>Tuesday, March 8th</b>	
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:</b>	
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives Under the Following Programs:</b>
	<b>Marine Resources, Department of</b>
	Bureau of Marine Science
	Bureau of Policy and Management
	Bureau of Public Health
	Marine Patrol – Bureau of
	Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat
<b>Tuesday, March 8th</b>	
<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:</b>	
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Department Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Programs:</b>
	<b>Environmental Protection, Department of</b>
	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>