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Appropriations and Financial Affairs

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of the State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997 (GOVERNOR'S BILL).

Presented by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Representatives: AIKMAN of Portland, DiPIETRO of South Portland, JOSEPH of Waterville, MORRISON of Bangor, POULIOT of Lewiston, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, HANLEY of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 04/03/95.

OTP-AM Accepted 06/30/95. **Amended by:** CA H-656, SA/CA S-398. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 06/30/95, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 395.

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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 395

H.P. 700 - L.D. 958

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Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1995; and

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

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. Supplemental appropriations from the General Fund. There are appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997, to the departments listed, the following sums.

	1995-96	1996-97
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Buildings and Grounds Operations		
Personal Services		\$74,428
Provides for the appropriation of additional funds through a transfer from Pineland Center.		
Bureau of Taxation		
Positions - Legislative Count		(2.0)
Personal Services		59,613
All Other		18,613
Capital Expenditures		13,064
TOTAL		91,290
Provides funds for one Property Appraiser II position and one Clerk-Typist II position to administer the Personal Property Tax Reform program.		
Personal Property Tax Reform		
All Other		4,746,068
Provides funds for reimbursements to businesses for personal property taxes paid on certain eligible property.		
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
TOTAL	-0-	\$4,911,786
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Administration - Agriculture		
All Other	(95,481)	(98,346)
Provides for the deappropriation of funds to establish a hunger prevention program as part of a reorganization to more accurately reflect program operations.		
Food Assistance Program		
All Other	95,481	98,346

Maine World Trade Association

All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
Provides for the appropriation of funds for the operations of the Maine World Trade Association.		

MAINE WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION

TOTAL	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>
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SECTION

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>(\$1,114,790)</u>	<u>(\$2,330,046)</u>
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PART J

Sec. J-1. 20-A MRSA §§9 and 10 are enacted to read:

§9. Education Coordinating Committee

The Education Coordinating Committee, referred to in this section as the "committee," is established to promote efficiency, cooperative effort and strategic planning between the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System and the Maine Maritime Academy. The committee consists of the Commissioner of Education, the Chair of the State Board of Education, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the President of the Maine Technical College System, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System, the President of the Maine Maritime Academy and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy.

The committee shall meet at least twice each year. The commissioner shall convene the first meeting of the committee by October 15, 1995. The committee shall elect a chair from among its members to serve for a term to be determined by the committee. The committee shall report on its deliberations and any recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by February 15th each year.

§10. Education Research Institute

The Education Research Institute, referred to in this section as the "institute," is established to collect and analyze education information and perform targeted education research for the Legislature. The institute shall create and maintain an education information system that tracks important education data for kindergarten and grades one to 12. The

institute shall also conduct exploratory, long-term research on education issues.

1. Legislature to contract with university. The Legislature, through the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, shall contract with the University of Maine System to establish and maintain the institute. Personnel coordinating the work of the institute must be appointed by the University of Maine System in consultation with the Legislature and those personnel shall consult with and act on behalf of the Legislature, performing such data collection, analysis and research as the Legislature may require.

2. Steering committee. The Education Research Institute Steering Committee, referred to in this section as the "steering committee," is established to advise the Legislature and the University of Maine System on all matters related to the institute. Steering committee members must be appointed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters for a term of 2 years. The steering committee shall meet at least 4 times each year and must include one member of each of the following:

- A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters;
- B. The Department of Education;
- C. The State Board of Education;
- D. The University of Maine System;
- E. The Maine School Management Association;
- F. The Maine Education Association;
- G. The Maine Municipal Association; and
- H. The Maine Principals Association.

The steering committee shall elect a chair from among its members to serve a term of 2 years.

3. Location and access. The education information system and research results gathered pursuant to this section must be maintained by the institute at the University of Maine System. The education information system and research results must be available for use by any interested group or individual in the form available from the institute.

Sec. J-2. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶Q, as amended by PL 1993, c. 290, §2, is further amended to read:

- Q. Serve as state agency for administering federal funds for construction of school facilities and for vocational education; and

Sec. J-3. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶S, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 290, §3, is amended to read:

S. Develop long-range education goals and standards for school performance and student performance to improve learning results and recommend to the commissioner and to the Legislature a plan for achieving those goals and standards;

Sec. J-4. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶¶T to V are enacted to read:

T. Establish and maintain a 5-year plan for education that includes goals and policies for the education of children in kindergarten and grades one to 12 and that promotes services for pre-school children. The plan must incorporate and build upon the work of the Task Force on Learning Results, established in Public Law 1993, chapter 290 and the federal GOALS 2000: Educate America Act;

U. Review the organization of school administrative units statewide to identify current cooperative agreements between school administrative units. Cooperative agreements may include, but are not limited to: purchasing or contract agreements; administrative functions; shared staff and staff training; and technology initiatives. Based on the review, and in consultation with the department, the state board may require that school administrative units develop and carry out a plan for a cooperative agreement with one or more other school administrative units. "Cooperative agreement" may include agreements between school administrative units and applied technology regions and applied technology centers; and

V. Study school consolidation statewide, develop a school consolidation plan that includes criteria for evaluating opportunities for consolidation and, if desirable, develop a time line for implementation.

Sec. J-5. Progress report. The State Board of Education shall provide a progress report on its review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 405, subsection 3, paragraph U to the Joint Standing Committee on Education by December 1, 1995. The report must include an analysis of current cooperative agreements and a framework for requiring additional agreements statewide.

Sec. J-6. Implementation plan. Beginning in March 1996, the State Board of Education shall develop for the Legislature an implementation plan for funding essential programs and essential services. The plan must be based on the criteria for student learning developed by the Task Force on Learning Results

established in Public Law 1993, chapter 290. The plan must include establishment of a system to measure and ensure that schools are held accountable for student learning results. The board shall present its plan and implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by December 1, 1996. The committee may report out a bill based on the proposal.

Sec. J-7. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

1995-96

**EDUCATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**General Purpose Aid for Local
Schools**

All Other (\$75,000)

Provides for the deappropriation of anticipated general purpose aid balances.

**DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
TOTAL**

(75,000)

LEGISLATURE

Education Research Institute

All Other 75,000

Provides for the appropriation of funds to the Education Research Institute for continued development of the grades K to 12 education data base and for the conduct of targeted education research.

**LEGISLATURE
TOTAL**

\$75,000

**SECTION
TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

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Sec. J-8. Expenditure authorization. The Commissioner of Education is authorized to expend up to \$25,000 from the fiscal year 1995-96 General Purpose Aid for Local Schools appropriation to contract for the acquisition of normalized regional cost adjustment data for use in the school funding formula.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL - FISCAL YEARS 1996-97

"Enacted with amendments H-656 and S-398"

"Language on Essential Programs and Services was introduced by amendment S-398"

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117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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H.P. 700 House of Representatives, March 23, 1995

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(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph W. Mayo
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, DiPIETRO of South Portland, JOSEPH of Waterville, MORRISON of Bangor, POULIOT of Lewiston, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, HANLEY of Oxford.

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

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

Sec. A-1. Supplemental appropriations from the General Fund. There are appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997, to the departments listed, the following sums.

	1995-96	1996-97
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
Administration - Human Resources		
Personal Services	\$98,705	\$101,450
All Other	18,200	18,837
TOTAL	116,905	120,287

Provides for the appropriation of funds in the Personal Services and All Other categories to establish the Total Quality Management training effort as a permanent program in State Government. This appropriation will fund 2 Human Resources Development Consultant positions and support All Other to cover necessary expenses. Headcount was previously

L.D. 958

DATE: 6/30/96

(Filing No. H-656)

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700, L.D. 958, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700, L.D. 958

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PART A

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TOTAL		<u>91,290</u>
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Personal Property Tax Reform		
All Other		4,746,068
Provides funds for reimbursements to businesses for personal property taxes		

2	- infrastructure. Also		
	provides \$175,000 annually		
4	for additional rape crisis		
	services.		
6	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
	TOTAL	<u>\$605,000</u>	<u>\$612,000</u>
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10	MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL		
	RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
12	Contingency Account - Mental		
	Health and Mental Retardation		
14			
16	All Other	(\$2,109,790)	(\$3,207,046)
18	Provides for the		
	deappropriation of funds as		
20	an offset to a previous		
	appropriation concerning the		
22	consent decrees.		
24	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH		
	AND MENTAL RETARDATION		
	TOTAL	<u>(\$2,109,790)</u>	<u>(\$3,207,046)</u>
26			
28	SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION		
	Saco River Corridor Commission		
30			
32	All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
34	Provides funds for operating		
	costs of the commission.		
36	SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION		
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
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40	SAINT CROIX INTERNATIONAL		
	WATERWAY COMMISSION		
42	Saint Croix International		
	Waterway Commission		
44			
46	All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
48	Provides funds for operating		
	costs of the commission.		
50	SAINT CROIX INTERNATIONAL		

2	WATERWAY COMMISSION		
	TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
4	MAINE WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION		
6	Maine World Trade Association		
8	All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
10	Provides for the		
	appropriation of funds for		
12	the operations of the Maine		
	World Trade Association.		
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16	MAINE WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION		
	TOTAL	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>
18	SECTION		
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>(\$1,114,790)</u>	<u>(\$2,330,046)</u>
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PART J

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2 §10. Education Research Institute

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6 section as the "institute," is established to collect and analyze
8 education information and perform targeted education research for
10 the Legislature. The institute shall create and maintain an
12 education information system that tracks important education data
14 for kindergarten and grades one to 12. The institute shall also
16 conduct exploratory, long-term research on education issues.

18 1. Legislature to contract with university. The
20 Legislature, through the joint standing committee of the
22 Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, shall
24 contract with the University of Maine System to establish and
26 maintain the institute. Personnel coordinating the work of the
28 institute must be appointed by the University of Maine System in
30 consultation with the Legislature and those personnel shall
32 consult with and act on behalf of the Legislature,
34 performing such data collection, analysis and research as the
36 Legislature may require.

38 2. Steering committee. The Education Research Institute
40 Steering Committee, referred to in this section as the "steering
42 committee," is established to advise the Legislature and the
44 University of Maine System on all matters related to the
46 institute. Steering committee members must be appointed by the
48 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
over education matters for a term of 2 years. The steering
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one member of each of the following:

34 A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having
36 jurisdiction over education matters;

38 B. The Department of Education;

40 C. The State Board of Education;

42 D. The University of Maine System;

44 E. The Maine School Management Association;

46 F. The Maine Education Association;

48 G. The Maine Municipal Association; and

H. The Maine Principals Association.

2 The steering committee shall elect a chair from among its members
4 to serve a term of 2 years.

6 3. Location and access. The education information system
8 and research results gathered pursuant to this section must be
10 maintained by the institute at the University of Maine System.
12 The education information system and research results must be
14 available for use by any interested group or individual in the
16 form available from the institute.

18 Sec. J-2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
20 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

1995-96

16 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools**

20 All Other (75,000)

22 Provides for the
24 deappropriation of
26 anticipated general purpose
28 aid balances.

28 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

TOTAL (75,000)

30 **LEGISLATURE**

32 **Education Research Institute**

34 All Other 75,000

36 Provides for the
38 appropriation of funds to the
40 Education Research Institute
42 for continued development of
44 the grades K to 12 education
46 data base and for the conduct
48 of targeted education
research.

46 **LEGISLATURE**

TOTAL 75,000

48 **SECTION**
TOTAL APPROPRIATION

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2 Sec. J-3. Expenditure authorization. The Commissioner of
4 Education is authorized to expend up to \$25,000 from the fiscal
6 year 1995-96 General Purpose Aid for Local Schools appropriation
to contract for the acquisition of normalized regional cost
adjustment data for use in the school funding formula.

8 PART K

10 Sec. K-1. 36 MRSA §187-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c.
12 281, §8, is amended to read:

14 2. Failure to pay. The following penalties apply.

16 A. Any person who fails to pay, on or before the due date,
any amount shown as tax on any return required under this
18 Title is liable for a penalty of 1% of the unpaid tax for
each month or fraction of a month during which the failure
20 continues, to a maximum in the aggregate of 25% of the
unpaid tax.

22 B. Any person who fails to pay a tax assessment for which
24 no further administrative or judicial review is available
pursuant to section 151 and the Maine Administrative
26 Procedure Act is liable for a penalty in the amount of 25%
of the amount of the tax due if the payment of the tax is
28 not made within 10 days of the person's receipt of notice of
demand for payment as provided by this Title. This penalty
30 must be explained in the notice of demand and is final when
levied.

32 This subsection does not apply to taxes due pursuant to chapter
34 369.

36 PART L

38 Sec. L-1. Allocation. In order to provide the necessary
40 expenses of operation and administration of the Bureau of
Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and the State Liquor
42 and Lottery Commission, the following amounts are allocated from
revenues derived from operations of the State Lottery Fund for
44 the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997 to carry
out the purposes of this Part.

	1995-96	1996-97
48 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL		
50 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		

2 Lottery Operations

4 All Other (2,500,650) (\$4,617,600)

6 Provides for the deallocation
of funds to more accurately
8 reflect the operating costs
associated with instant card
10 vending machines.

12 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
14 TOTAL (2,500,650) (\$4,617,600)

16 PART M

18 Sec. M-1. 12 MRSA §7910, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

20 14. Savings fund; offset against future fee increases. A
savings fund, referred to in this subsection as the "fund," is
established in the department. Appropriations to the fund are
considered funds appropriated to the department under the meaning
of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 22. Money
appropriated to the fund does not lapse but must be carried
forward and may be used by the department only to offset license
fee increases if the use of that money for that purpose is
approved by the joint standing committee of the Legislature
having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

30 Sec. M-2. Fish and Wildlife Technician; vacancy. If the Fish and
32 Wildlife Technician positions in the Department of Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife having the position numbers 01868-0895,
34 01868-0896 and 01865-0897 become vacant for any reason at any
time after the effective date of this Part, the Commissioner of
36 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may not fill those vacancies on a
permanent or temporary basis without the prior approval of the
38 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.

40 Sec. M-3. Supplemental appropriations from General Fund. There
42 are appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal years
ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997 the following sums.

	1995-96	1996-97
46 INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,		
48 DEPARTMENT OF		
50 Administrative Services -		

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DATE: June 30, 1995 (Filing No. S-398)

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700, L.D. 958, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1996 and June 30, 1997"

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SENATE AMENDMENT

R 4 B

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700,
L.D. 958

2 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
4 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
 for fiscal year 1995-96 and fiscal year 1996-97.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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10 This amendment adds new duties to the State Board of
 Education.

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SPONSORED BY:

(Senator SMALL)

Mary Ed Small

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COUNTY: Sagadahoc

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SENATE AMENDMENT