

Amend LD 2126 Part J as follows:

Current

PART J

Sec. J-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$20,116,942 during fiscal year 2019-20 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1532.

Revised

Sec. J-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$20,000,000 during fiscal year 2019-20 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1532.

**PART J
SUMMARY**

This section is revised to decrease the fiscal year 2019-20 transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund by \$116,942.

Amend LD 2126 Part L by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part P by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part U by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part V by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part Z by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part AA by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part HH by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part II by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 Part JJ as follows:

PART JJ

Current

Sec. JJ-1. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶K, as amended by PL 2019, c. 482, §1, is further amended to read:

K. The State Fire Marshal or a state fire marshal inspector in the employment of the Department of Public Safety on January 1, 2000 or hired thereafter or, until June 30, 2020, a state fire marshal investigator, a state fire marshal senior investigator, a state fire marshal investigator sergeant and the Assistant State Fire Marshal in the employment of the Department of Public Safety on January 1, 2000 or hired thereafter; and

Sec. JJ-3. 5 MRSA §17851-B, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 482, §2, is amended to read:

1. Establishment and applicability. Effective July 1, 2020, there is established a special retirement plan for fire marshal investigators, ~~and~~ fire marshal senior investigators, fire marshal sergeants, and fire marshal lieutenants referred to in this section as "the special plan." The special plan applies to a state fire marshal investigator, state fire marshal senior investigator, ~~and~~ state fire marshal sergeant and state fire marshal lieutenant.

Revised

Sec. JJ-1. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶K, as amended by PL 2019, c. 482, §1, is further amended to read:

K. The State Fire Marshal ~~or a state fire marshal inspector~~ in the employment of the Department of Public Safety on January 1, 2000 or hired thereafter or, until June 30, 2020, a state fire marshal investigator, a state fire marshal senior investigator, a state fire marshal investigator sergeant and the Assistant State Fire Marshal in charge of investigations in the employment of the Department of Public Safety on January 1, 2000 or hired thereafter; and

Sec. JJ-3. 5 MRSA §17851-B, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 482, Sec. 2., is amended to read:

1. Establishment and applicability. Effective July 1, 2020, there is established a special retirement plan for fire marshal investigators, ~~and~~ fire marshal senior investigators, fire marshal sergeants, and fire marshal lieutenants referred to in this section as "the special plan." The special plan applies to a state fire marshal investigator, state fire marshal senior investigator, ~~and~~ state fire marshal sergeant and the Assistant State Fire Marshal in charge of investigations.

**PART JJ
SUMMARY**

Sections JJ-1 and JJ-3 are revised to correct the titles of the positions eligible for the special retirement plan.

Amend LD 2126 Part KK by deleting the current Part and leaving it blank:

Amend LD 2126 by adding a new Part MM:

PART MM

Sec. MM-1. Carrying balances; Department of Health and Human Services web portal upgrade. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of each fiscal year the State Controller shall carry forward, to be used for the same purposes, any unexpended balance of the \$1,700,000 appropriated in Public Law 2019, Chapter 343 in the All Other line category in the Office for Family Independence – District program, General Fund account for the purpose of upgrades to the public assistance web portal.

**PART MM
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the carry forward of any remaining balance of the amount appropriated in PL 2019 Chap 343 in the Office for Family Independence – District program, General Fund account within the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of upgrades to the public assistance web portal to be used for same purposes in the next fiscal year.

Amend LD 2126 by adding a new Part NN:

PART NN

Sec. NN-1. Transfer; Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the State Controller may transfer up to \$11,000,000 from the balance available in the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital, to address funding needs related to the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, through December 31, 2020. Amounts transferred may be expended based on allotment established by financial order approved by the State Budget Officer and the Governor. The amounts transferred are considered adjustments to appropriations. The Governor shall inform the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs immediately upon such a transfer from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital.

**PART NN
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes transfers from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in order to fund needs associated with COVID-19 through the end of calendar year 2020.

Amend LD 2126 by adding a new Part OO:

PART OO

Sec. OO-1. 22 MRSA §4311, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. SSSS, §1 is further amended to read:

1. Departmental reimbursement. When a municipality incurs net general assistance costs in any fiscal year prior to July 1, 2015 in excess of .0003 of that municipality's most recent state valuation relative to the state fiscal year for which reimbursement is being issued, as determined by the State Tax Assessor in the statement filed as provided in Title 36, section 381, the Department of Health and Human Services shall reimburse the municipality for 90% of the amount in excess of these expenditures when the department finds that the municipality has been in compliance with all requirements of this chapter. If a municipality elects to determine need without consideration of funds distributed from any municipally-controlled trust fund that must otherwise be considered for purposes of this chapter, the department shall reimburse the municipality for 66 2/3% of the amount in excess of such expenditures when the department finds that the municipality has otherwise been in compliance with all requirements of this chapter.

The department shall reimburse each municipality ~~and each Indian tribe~~ 70% of the direct costs incurred by that municipality ~~or tribe~~ on or after July 1, 2015 for the general assistance program granted by that municipality ~~or tribe~~. ~~For the purposes of this subsection, "Indian tribe" has the same meaning as in section 411, subsection 8-A.~~

1-A. Municipalities reimbursed. When a municipality pays for expenses approved pursuant to section 4313 for hospital inpatient or outpatient care at any hospital on behalf of any person who is otherwise eligible and who would have been entitled to receive payments for hospital care if that care had been rendered prior to May 1, 1984, for services under the Catastrophic Illness Program, section 3185, the department shall reimburse the municipality for 100% of those payments.

1-B. Reimbursement for administrative expenses. The department shall reimburse each municipality for the costs of a portion of the direct costs of paying benefits incurred prior to July 1, 2015 through its general assistance program if the department finds that the municipality was in compliance with all requirements of this chapter during the fiscal year for which reimbursement is sought. The amount of reimbursement to each municipality must be an amount equal to:

A. Fifty percent of all general assistance granted by that municipality below the .0003% of all state valuation amount; or

B. Ten percent of all general assistance granted.

Each municipality shall elect to be reimbursed under paragraph A or B at the beginning of the fiscal year for which reimbursement is sought.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this subsection takes effect on July 1, 1989.

1-C. Indian tribe reimbursement. The department shall reimburse each Indian tribe for the costs of a portion of the direct costs of paying benefits through its general assistance program if the department finds that the Indian tribe was in compliance with all requirements of this chapter during the fiscal year for which those benefits are sought.

As of July 1, 2020, the amount of reimbursement must be calculated for each fiscal year by adding 10% of all general assistance granted up to the threshold amount to 100% of all general assistance granted above the threshold amount. If an Indian tribe elects to determine need without consideration of funds distributed from any municipally-controlled trust fund that must otherwise be considered for purposes of this chapter, the department shall reimburse the municipality for 66 2/3% of the amount in excess of such expenditures when the department finds that the municipality has otherwise been in compliance with all requirements of this chapter.

For the purposes of this subsection, "Indian tribe" has the same meaning as in section 411, subsection 8-A. For purposes of this subsection, "threshold amount" means 0.0003 of the Indian tribe's most recent state valuation, as determined by the State Tax Assessor in the statement filed as provided in Title 36, section 381, relative to the year for which reimbursement is being issued.

PART OO SUMMARY

This Part increases General Assistance reimbursement rates to Indian tribes effective July 1, 2020.

Amend LD 2126 by adding a new Part PP:

PART PP

Sec. PP-1. Payments to State from Maine Governmental Facilities Authority Operating Account. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the balance in the Operating Account to the State as undedicated revenue no later than June 30, 2020.

**PART PP
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes a transfer of a portion of the accumulated balance in the Operating Account at Maine Governmental Facilities Authority (MGFA) to the State in fiscal year 2019-2020. This balance has built up at MGFA over the last 20 years from loan initiation fees, maintenance fees and related interest that exceeded amounts needed to fund the actual costs of administering these loans and has been identified as a resource that could be transferred to the State.

Amend LD 2126 by adding a new Part QQ: