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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

To: Senator Peggy Rotundo, Senate Chair  
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Joseph Rafferty, Senate Chair *JR*  
Representative Michael Brennan, House Chair *MB*  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Date: February 1, 2023

Re: LD 206, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds 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 Year Ending June 30, 2023.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 304, on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs met to review the supplemental budget initiatives pertaining to the agencies under our jurisdiction in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget, LD 206, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds 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 Year Ending June 30, 2023.

The votes of the members present<sup>1</sup> are recorded in the attached report-back template, and except as noted below, the committee voted on each initiative with each vote recorded as the number of

<sup>1</sup> The following members were present at the time of the committee's votes: Senators Rafferty and Libby; Representatives Brennan, Dodge, Sargent, Murphy, Sampson, Lyman, Polewarczyk, and Bagshaw. Senator Pierce and Representatives Millett and Worth were absent.

Senator Pierce indicated subsequent to the meeting that, had she been present, she would have voted all of the initiatives under the Education and Cultural Affairs committee's jurisdiction "IN."

committee members in favor of moving the initiative “IN” to the supplemental budget or “OUT” of the supplemental budget. The committee did not vote to amend or recommend any new initiatives.

There are four related initiatives within the Department of Education under reference #s 100, 104, 106 and 108, which are transfers that net to zero for the General Fund only in that program. The committee voted all four of these initiatives in one vote, which is recorded under reference #100.

Thank you for your consideration of the Education and Cultural Affairs committee’s recommendations on the supplemental budget. Should you have any questions regarding the report-back, please do not hesitate to reach out to the chairs.

Sec. A-5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

Ref. #: 229                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 7                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$356,305	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$356,305</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

OUT: 3

**Justification:**

This initiative aligns funding with revenue as recommended in the December 1, 2022 forecast of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$356,305</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$356,305</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Sec. A-9. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Education Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator II position and reduces funding in All Other to fund the position.

Ref. #: 97                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 5                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OUT: 5

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,862	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$1,862)	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

This initiative provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Education Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator II position. This position serves as Transportation Director to plan, develop and administer the school bus purchasing and school bus refurbishment programs. The position provides technical assistance and resources to school administrative units in the areas of school bus safety, buildings and grounds safety and maintenance. New responsibilities include contracting and procurement duties and covering a broader range of complex subject matter that requires a higher level of knowledge and technical abilities.

**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

Ref. #: 98                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 6                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OUT: 4

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,220,831	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,220,831</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

This initiative aligns funding with revenue as recommended in the December 1, 2022 forecast of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

**Leadership Team Z077**

Initiative: Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 100                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 5                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OUT: 5

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25





**Justification:**

This initiative consolidates the funding for financial and human resources services costs to the Leadership Team program to appropriately charge these costs as indirect rather than directly charging them to individual programs.

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**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$61,366	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$2,220,831	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,282,197</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Sec. A-10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF**

**State Board of Education 0614**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for per diem payments to board members. This initiative also provides one-time funding for fiscal year 2021-22 per diem payments to board members not paid until fiscal year 2022-23.

Ref. #: 94                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 7                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OUT: 3

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Personal Services	\$12,000	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$12,000	\$0	\$0

**Justification:**

Per diem payments to board members are authorized by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 401, subsection 3. This initiative increases ongoing funding for per diem payments based on a projected increase in committee work by board members related to the State Board of Education approved 5-Year Strategic Plan. This initiative provides one-time funding for \$6,000 for per diem costs incurred but not paid in fiscal year 2021-22 due to not enough appropriation in fiscal year 2021-22.

**EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE**

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of high density shelving for certain Maine State Library collections.

Ref. #: 182                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 8                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OUT: 2

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0

**Justification:**

Space issues at the Maine State Library have been well documented in architectural studies over the last 20 years. Over the library's 185 years in service to the people of Maine, it has established several permanent collections pertaining to the history and culture of Maine that have steadily grown. As the library prepares to move back to space at the Cultural Building, a new shelving layout is planned for the public area of the library to ensure compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (1990) in the aisles between shelves. The new layout will also provide additional space for conducting research, group meetings and public events. This funding will purchase high density compact shelving for the first floor storehouse of the library to relieve current space constraints and accommodate materials that no longer will have room in the public stacks of the library. The basis for this request is documented in a 2019 study commissioned by the Bureau of General Services (Storage Space Requirements Summary - Final; Space Planning for Cultural Building & BABLO Building), which recommended installation of high density mobile shelving on the first floor of the library with the goal of nearly doubling the storage capacity of that space.

**Maine State Library 0217**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for space planning services for the public space of the Maine State Library.

Ref. #: 183                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 6                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OUT: 4

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0	\$0

**Justification:**

This request will provide the Maine State Library with the resources necessary to ensure the investment of State funds in the current renovation of the library will make optimal use of public areas and ensure the library meets its mission of public service and service to Maine's public libraries. Creating new models for library service and facility use that align with best practices and adapt to the changing way that the library serves the public supports Title 27, section 36 which requires the Maine State Library to provide advice to all public libraries in the manner in which library operations are carried out. Funding will support a contract with a library space planning firm with the goal of a larger footprint on the second floor of the library being dedicated to public use.

**LIBRARY, MAINE STATE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Sec. A-22. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

**Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

Ref. #: 198                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 10                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUT: 0**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$22,643	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,643</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

This initiative aligns funding with revenue as recommended in the December 1, 2022 forecast of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

**MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,643</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,643</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

Ref. #: 239                      One Time                      Committee Vote: IN: 6                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OUT: 4

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>			
All Other	\$523,508	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$523,508</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Justification:**

This initiative aligns funding with revenue as recommended in the December 1, 2022 forecast of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>			
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$523,508</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$523,508</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>