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LD 63 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair the ONTP
Mountain Division Rail Line

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$21,000,000, will be used to repair the Mountain Division rail line between Portland and Fryeburg.

LD 111 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Large-scale ONTP
Marketing and Research and Development for Bulk Sales of Maine
Seafood Worldwide

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KUMIEGA	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$3,000,000, will be used for large-scale marketing of Maine seafood and for research and development for seafood production and processing to increase bulk sales of Maine seafood worldwide.

LD 225 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of VETO
\$20,000,000 To Fund Research and Development SUSTAINED

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR	OTP-AM	S-569

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research and development for Maine-based public and private institutions for environmental and renewable energy technology, biomedical technology and biotechnology, aquaculture and marine technology, composite materials technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology and precision manufacturing technology through a competitive process.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-569)

This amendment reduces the funds provided by this bond issue by \$30,000,000.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research and development and commercialization as prioritized by the Office of Innovation's current Science and Technology Action Plan for Maine. The funds must be awarded to Maine-based public and private institutions for environmental and renewable energy technology, biomedical technology and biotechnology, aquaculture and marine technology,

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composite materials technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology and precision manufacturing technology through a competitive process.

LD 263 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Construction ONTP
of a Marine Technology Incubator Facility at the Gulf of Maine
Research Institute

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to fund construction of a marine technology incubator facility at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

LD 359 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater and PUBLIC 695
Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD GOODALL	OTP-AM	H-957

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,500,000, will be used to fund revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater facilities and to secure federal grants.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-957)

This amendment reduces by \$7,575,000 the funds provided by the bond issue.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 695 provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$7,925,000, to fund revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater facilities and to secure federal grants.

LD 381 An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE RAYE	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill shifts the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature, beginning with the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2014. It also provides that the state budget beginning on July 1, 2013, is a one-year budget.

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LD 399 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund LifeFlight ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$640,000, will be used by the LifeFlight Foundation to complete a network of automated weather observing stations and for building helipads in rural communities with a history of high use or in remote locations to improve safety and access to emergency medical services.

LD 894, enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 697, contains a similar bond proposal.

LD 409 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development for Technology Advancement ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN RECTOR	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research and development and commercialization of targeted technology sectors. The funds are to be awarded after a competitive process administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, Maine Technology Institute, and will leverage at least \$100,000,000 in other funds.

LD 225, as enacted by the Legislature, contains a similar bond proposal.

LD 417 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Rail Lines in Western Maine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to improve rail lines in western Maine.

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LD 420 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Building a Container Port on Sears Island ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$200,000,000, will be used to fund building a privately operated container port on Sears Island.

LD 470 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete Renovation of a Bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK H ALFOND	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to complete renovation of a bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

LD 513 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To More Equitably Fund the Liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This resolution was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to remove the requirement that experience losses incurred by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System be retired in only 10 years and to change the required amortization schedule of unfunded liabilities from a fixed 31-year schedule to a so-called open or rolling 25-year schedule.

LD 565 An Act To Provide Funding for the World Acadian Congress ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	ONTP	

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This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill provides funds for the World Acadian Congress in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 only.

LD 741 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Water and Sewer Infrastructure To Protect Public Health and To Facilitate the Expansion and Growth of Business ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$30,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct water and sewer systems that the Department of Environmental Protection considers in greatest need of attention and the greatest threat to the public health and the expansion of business.

LD 359, enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 695, contains a similar bond proposal.

LD 777 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Necessary Capital Improvements at the University of Maine System That Support the Critical Disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math To Enhance Economic Development and Employment Opportunities for Maine Citizens ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN RECTOR	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used to expand necessary capital improvements in the critical disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the University of Maine System.

LD 874, enacted as Pubic Law 2011, chapter 700, contains a similar bond proposal.

**LD 807 An Act To Limit the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Court Facility Projects VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATERHOUSE ROSEN R	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-958

This bill was carried forward from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill removes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority's ability to issue bonds or negotiable securities beginning October 1, 2011.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-958)

This amendment restores the authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue bonds or negotiable securities for court facility projects only and changes the date after which the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority cannot issue bonds or negotiable securities for other purposes from October 1, 2011, to January 1, 2013.

**LD 829 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in MAJORITY
Transportation, Broadband Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization, (ONTP) REPORT
Land for Maine's Future and Training Facilities in Labor Market Areas
with Higher than Average Unemployment for Tourism-related Training**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCABE	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to provide funds over 5 years for the State's transportation biennial capital work plan, the Communities for Maine's Future Program, the ConnectME Authority, the Land for Maine's Future Board, the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System for tourism-related training, targeted to particular projects in labor markets that have an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-959)

This amendment is the minority report. The funds provided, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the Communities for Maine's Future Program, targeted to particular projects in labor market areas that have an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average.

**LD 842 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Research ONTP
and Sustainable Development of Maine's Natural Resources**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUNT JACKSON	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The major portion of the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount \$45,000,000, will be used to fund research, development and commercialization of innovative technology that relies on the sustainable use of Maine's natural resources such as forest and agricultural products and tidal and wind energy. The remaining \$5,000,000 will be used to support sustainable local economic development projects that enhance the economic benefits of increased reliance on local foods and recycling of consumer products. The funds must be administered by the Maine Technology Institute and competitively awarded.

LD 225, as enacted by the Legislature, contains a similar bond proposal.

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LD 851 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Railroads ONTP
To Reduce the Cost of Shipping to Maine Businesses, Attract Tourists to
Maine and Facilitate the Development of Commuter Rail
Transportation To Reduce the Use of Oil in Maine

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOBBINS	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to provide funds for railroad reconstruction and expansion that the business sector considers vital to the shipment of goods and the ability of the business community to compete. It requires that the Department of Transportation consult with the business and economic development sector to develop a list of priorities in regard to railroad construction and reconstruction projects focusing on projects important to tourism and projects with greatest visibility for increased commuter and passenger rail service and taking into consideration the extent that proposed projects reduce the consumption of oil.

LD 852 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine's PUBLIC 696
Natural Resource-based Economy

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-576 S-591 MARTIN T

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided in this bond issue will be used to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program with \$36,000,000 to continue Maine's land conservation efforts, leveraging a minimum of \$36,000,000 in required matching funds. It provides \$12,000,000 for natural resource industry based infrastructure improvements and enhancements related to natural resource industry and to provide capital for state park maintenance and improvements. It also gives land conservation projects that protect and enhance deer wintering habitat preference and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Conservation to pursue projects that protect and conserve deer wintering habitat.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-576)

This amendment reduces from \$36,000,000 to \$5,000,000 the amount of the General Fund bond issue authorized by this Act to purchase land and conservation easements, to be matched with at least \$5,000,000 in public and private contributions.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-591)

This amendment requires the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to take a proactive approach to pursuing land conservation projects that include significant wildlife habitat conservation, including conservation of priority deer wintering areas. It includes a description of priority deer wintering areas and provisions regarding the management of areas that contain wildlife or fish habitat. It includes a reference to Public Law 2005, chapter 462, Part B, section 6 regarding the process and selection criteria for the acquisition of working waterfront properties. It clarifies that the proceeds of the bonds for the Land for Maine's Future Board may be expended by the Department of Conservation for the acquisition of wildlife or fish habitat.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 696 provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, to purchase land and interest in land for conservation; water access, wildlife or fish habitat including deer wintering areas; outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing; and working farmland preservation and working waterfront preservation.

LD 874 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Higher Education PUBLIC 700

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-574

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$27,100,000, will be used to improve equipment and facilities at the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to better serve the underserved regions of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-574)

This amendment is the majority report. It reduces from \$27,100,000 to \$11,300,000 the amount of the General Fund bond issue authorized by the bill and specifies that the bond proceeds be used to build a diagnostic facility for the University of Maine System and for capital improvements and equipment for the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-575)

This amendment is the minority report. It reduces from \$27,100,000 to \$14,300,000 the amount of the General Fund bond issue authorized by the bill and specifies that the bond proceeds be used to build a diagnostic facility for the University of Maine System and for capital improvements and equipment for the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 700 provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$11,300,000, for capital to build a diagnostic facility for the University of Maine System; for capital improvements and equipment, including machine tool technology, for the Maine Community College System; and for capital improvements and equipment at the Maine Maritime Academy.

LD 894 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in PUBLIC 697
Transportation Infrastructure To Meet the Needs of the Business Sector
and To Create Jobs

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-AM	S-568 S-590 THOMAS

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$62,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct highways and bridges that are considered

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vital to the expansion of business interests by the business and economic development sector and essential to public safety. It requires that the Department of Transportation consult with the business and economic development sector to determine projects of highest priority to the business and economic development sector and establish a stakeholder group, if the bond passes, consisting of municipal officials, highway safety officials and members of the general public to develop a list of highway and bridge projects by level of priority relating to the safety of the general public.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-568)

This amendment reduces the total authorization for the issuance of bonds for transportation infrastructure from \$62,000,000 to \$51,500,000 and specifies amounts authorized for highways and bridges, the Urban-Rural Initiative Program, the LifeFlight Foundation, the port operation at Mack Point, transit buses, the Industrial Rail Access Program, the port at Eastport and aviation facilities.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-590)

This amendment removes the \$5,000,000 funding for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program and instead increases by \$5,000,000 the funds for repair and reconstruction of highways and bridges.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 697 provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$51,500,000, for improvements to highways and bridges, airports and port facilities, rail access, transit buses and the Lifeflight Foundation.

LD 919 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Provide for a Trained Workforce for Maine's Energy Future MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HINCK	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$55,000,000, will be used to support weatherization and other energy efficiency improvements for Maine homes, businesses and public buildings to save money, reduce dependence on increasingly scarce heating fuels, support health and comfort and protect the environment. Funds are also provided to expand the workforce for weatherization and energy efficiency services and other parts of a new green economy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-960)

This is the minority report of the committee. This amendment removes all the bonding proposed in the bill except the bonding that provides \$1,000,000, reduced from the \$10,000,000 proposed in the bill, for below-market loans to homeowners and rental property and small business owners for energy audits and weatherization or other major energy efficiency projects.

LD 948 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Jobs through Energy Efficiency ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARTLETT	ONTP	

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This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be for grants to make buildings throughout the State more energy efficient. Grant recipients must commit to using the money saved through increased energy efficiency to hire workers or for other workforce development.

LD 979 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create an Animal and Plant Diagnostic Facility at the University of Maine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDGECOMB SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$7,200,000, will be used to build an animal and plant diagnostic laboratory to enable animal and plant population health monitoring for exotic and zoonotic diseases as well as the study of animal and plant pathogens and containment of arthropods in a highly secure setting.

LD 874, enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 700, contains a similar bond proposal.

LD 990 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 for Road and Bridge Construction ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to repair the road and bridge within the Town of Woodstock.

LD 1187 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Revitalize Maine's Downtowns through Innovative Business Development and the Creative Economy ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used as seed money to capitalize the Downtown Revitalization Fund, a revolving loan and grant fund to encourage business development in downtown areas, targeting innovative businesses, light manufacturing, trades and small businesses and space for artists and artisans. The Downtown Revitalization Fund is administered by a board consisting of public and private members and issues loans that must be matched by \$1 from the recipient for every \$2 received from the fund and issues grants.

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LD 1240 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce the Cost of Government through Energy Efficiency ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$90,000,000, will be used to lower the costs of government at all levels by funding cost-effective energy efficiency improvements to public buildings. Forty-five million dollars will fund cost-effective energy efficiency improvements to buildings owned or leased by the State, and \$45,000,000 will be placed in a loan fund for cost-effective energy efficiency improvements to buildings owned or leased by municipal and county governments.

LD 1386 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Challenger Learning Center of Maine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEVENS FARNHAM	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$500,000, will be used by the Challenger Learning Center of Maine to improve educational achievement in mathematics and to inspire interest in science and technology careers.

LD 1395 An Act To Authorize a Highway Fund Bond Issue To Improve Maine's Roads and Bridges ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds to match federal funds for highway and bridge capital projects.

LD 894, enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 697, contains a similar bond proposal.

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LD 1632 An Act To Amend Provisions Limiting the Return to Work after Retirement by Teachers, School Employees and State Employees

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(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILL	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill provides that limitations on conditions of restoration to service after retirement enacted in 2011 apply only to school superintendents and principals, not to state employees or teachers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-567)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment amends the bill to retain the provisions in current law that provide that limitations on conditions of restoration to service after retirement enacted in 2011 apply to state employees. The amendment retains the provisions of the bill that exempt teachers from these limitations and that provide that the limitations apply to school superintendents and principals.

LD 1651 An Act To Clarify Health Insurance Benefits for Disabled Participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

**PUBLIC 540
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ	OTP-AM	S-411

This bill corrects unanticipated consequences of changes made during the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature regarding payment for state retiree health insurance. This bill clarifies that disabled retirees who are automatically converted to a regular retirement benefit before normal retirement age are not required to pay 100% of the individual premium for health insurance coverage.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)

This amendment clarifies some of the provisions of the original bill, applies it to teachers and corrects a cross-reference.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 540 corrects the unanticipated consequences of changes made to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to specify that disabled state employee retirees and teachers who are automatically converted to a regular retirement benefit before normal retirement age are not required to pay 100% of the individual premium for health insurance coverage.

Public Law 2011, chapter 540 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 20, 2012.

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LD 1657 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Health Insurance for Certain State Employees ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN T	ONTP	

Pursuant to changes made by Public Law 2011, chapter 380, a state employee who retires after January 1, 2012, but who has not yet reached the applicable normal retirement age is required to pay 100% of individual health care insurance premiums until that person reaches the normal retirement age. This bill exempts from that requirement a state employee who is appointed by the Governor, a department head or a body in the executive branch or the Legislature as long as that appointee has at least 25 years of creditable service but has not yet reached normal retirement age. This exemption is retroactive to January 1, 2012.

LD 1662 An Act To Provide for an Advisory Referendum on the Approval of Tax-exempt Student Loan Revenue Bonds ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	ONTP	

Federal law requires that private activity bonds, which are tax-exempt bonds issued by public entities to provide low-cost financing for private projects that serve a public purpose, be approved by the highest elected official of the jurisdiction in which the proceeds of the bonds will be used. The Maine Educational Loan Authority issues private activity bonds to fund supplemental student loans for Maine students and families and services its debts with the revenue streams associated with student loan repayment. This bill directs the Secretary of State to hold an advisory referendum at a statewide election to determine whether the voters of the State favor the Governor's approval of the Maine Educational Loan Authority's issuance of no more than \$50,000,000 of tax-exempt student loan revenue bonds over the next 3 years, to be repaid by the loan recipients.

LD 1667 An Act To Clarify Authorization for a Court Facilities Bond PUBLIC 671

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASTINGS	OTP-AM	S-417

This bill makes a technical correction to language contained in Public Law 2009, chapter 213 that authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the costs associated with court facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-417)

This amendment allows any remaining funds from authorized securities issued for paying the costs associated with the construction of a new courthouse in Augusta, the renovation of a courthouse in Dover-Foxcroft and the planning and construction of court facilities upgrades in Machias to be used for planning for additional court facilities.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 671 makes a technical correction to language contained in Public Law 2009, chapter 213 that authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for the costs associated with court facilities and allows any remaining funds from authorized securities issued for paying the costs associated with the construction of a new courthouse in Augusta, the renovation of a courthouse in Dover-Foxcroft and the planning and construction of court facilities upgrades in Machias to be used for planning for additional court facilities.

LD 1713 An Act To Restore Supplemental Health Insurance Coverage for Disabled Children of State Retirees ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SARTY COLLINS	ONTP	

Prior to 2011, the State covered the cost of health insurance coverage for retirees' disabled dependents 19 years of age and older. This bill restores that practice.

LD 1746 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 Year Ending June 30, 2013 PUBLIC 657

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN R	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-974 FLOOD S-572 S-587 ROSEN R S-589 ROSEN R

This bill is the Governor's proposal to address a projected shortfall in the MaineCare program in the 2012-2013 biennium.

Some provisions in this proposal are incorporated into LD 1816, which was enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 477, to address the shortfall in the Maine Care program in fiscal year 2011-12.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-572)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee in response to the Governor's proposed bill.

Senate Amendment "J" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-589)

This amendment makes technical changes to Committee Amendment "A". The amendment:

1. Corrects a program number in Part A;

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2. Amends Part J to clarify that the Maine Public Employees Retirement System may request drafting assistance from the Legislative Council, rather than from specific legislative offices;
3. Amends Part N to change the date of the sales tax refund for depreciable machinery and equipment purchases used for commercial wood harvesting and commercial greenhouse and nursery products from January 1, 2014 to July 1, 2013;
4. Amends Part O to clarify that prescription monitoring information must be de-identified as to prescriber and patient;
5. Amends Part P to make consistent several references to the term "qualified active low-income community business"; and
6. Amends Part Q to change the program period and approved payment plan for the 2012 Maine Use Tax Compliance Program.

House Amendment "L" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-974)

This amendment makes 2 technical changes to Committee Amendment "A". The first change corrects a program number to assign it to the proper Departmentwide program in the Department of Health and Human Services. The 2nd change adds a provision in the contingent transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund (Part D) to avoid a potential discrepancy between the accounting and budgetary records of the Office of the State Controller and the Bureau of the Budget in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Senate Amendment "H" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-587)

This amendment does the following:

1. Amends Part D of Committee Amendment "A" to transfer \$13,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund during fiscal year 2012-13;
2. Provides for a method of repayment of federal funds received for ineligible MaineCare recipients;
3. Amends Part K of Committee Amendment "A" to reduce by \$250,000 the transfer from the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Environmental Protection to General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2012-13;
4. Adds a Part II that requires that any balances of appropriations provided for consent decree activities in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program carry forward at the end of each fiscal year to be used in the next fiscal year for the same purpose; and
5. Adds a Part JJ that provides funds to serve individuals on the waiting list for services for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism; reduces funding for behaviorally challenged children in a residential setting; provides funds to offset a deappropriation in Committee Amendment "A"; and provides funds to offset a 10% rate reduction in adult family care services in Public Law 2011, chapter 477.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 657 results in a net cost to the General Fund of \$56,642,455 and a net cost of \$3,196,777 to the Fund for a Healthy Maine in fiscal year 2012-13.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations. This part includes an appropriation of \$4,297,669 and Other Special Revenue allocations totaling \$1,895,824 related to the General Assistance program within the Department of Health and Human Services and an appropriation of \$3,176,972 to offset a reduction in federal disproportionate share payments for certain individuals involved in the criminal justice system and confined to the Riverview Psychiatric

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Center. These appropriations were included in LD 1903 as enacted by the Legislature but vetoed by the Governor pursuant to Article IV Part Third Section 2-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

PART B transfers \$1,500,000 from the available balance in the Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2012-13.

PART C requires a transfer of up to \$25,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2012-13 for hospital settlements. This year-end transfer is in addition to the \$25,000,000 transfer previously authorized at the close of fiscal year 2011-12. These hospital settlement transfers are the next priority in the list of "cascade" transfers after the transfer to the reserve for retirement costs that provides resources for ad hoc cost-of-living adjustments for retirees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. It also transfers any excess funds above the amounts currently budgeted to be credited to the Department of Education for essential programs and services for kindergarten to grade 12 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 606-B in fiscal year 2012-13 from the Oxford Casino slot machine and table game proceeds to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used to fund hospital settlements.

PART D transfers \$13,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund during fiscal year 2012-13. It also authorizes an emergency transfer of up to \$7,360,045 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund account in the Department of Health and Human and up to \$3,791,770 to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers, federal Expenditures Fund account in fiscal year 2012-13 under certain conditions in order to repay federal funds.

PART E eliminates the transfer of up to \$2,500,000 of slot machine income to the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

PART F increases the cap on the combined amount that the Finance Authority of Maine may have in its Loan Insurance Reserve and Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 and increases the amount required to be paid by the Finance Authority of Maine from the Loan Insurance Reserve Fund to the State as undedicated General Fund revenue by June 30, 2013 from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

PART G specifies how the reduction in Fund for a Healthy Maine funding for community school grants is to be implemented.

PART H continues MaineCare funding for critical access hospitals at 109% of MaineCare allowable costs for both inpatient and outpatient services and continues funding for critical access hospital staff enhancement payments, both effective retroactively to April 1, 2012. It also repeals the provisions in current law requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to change to a system of reimbursement to critical access hospitals for inpatient services based on diagnosis-related groupings and for outpatient services based on ambulatory payment classifications.

PART I adds public charter schools to the definition of "local district" to allow those schools to be eligible to participate in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System as participating local districts. This Part also provides language to clarify that public charter schools are not included in the definition of "public school."

PART J requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to submit proposed legislation to implement a new combination defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plan selected by the working group established pursuant to Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part U, section 2 and described in the "New Pension Plan Design and Implementation Plan" report dated March 2012 and authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state employee and teacher retirement matters to submit a bill to implement a new retirement plan to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

PART K transfers \$250,000 from the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in

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the Department of Environmental Protection to General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2012-13.

PART L gives the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this legislation over which the department has subject matter jurisdiction for which specific authority has not been addressed by some other part of this legislation.

PART M exempts from Maine income tax active duty military pay earned outside of Maine for service performed pursuant to written military orders during tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

PART N expands, beginning July 1, 2013, the scope of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2013, which provides for the refund of sales tax on purchases of depreciable machinery and equipment used for commercial agricultural production and certain other purposes, to include items used in commercial wood harvesting and in the commercial production of crops, plants, trees, compost and livestock.

PART O repeals the restriction on MaineCare reimbursement for opioid drugs enacted in Public Law 2011, chapter 477, Part O and enacts a replacement protocol for prescribing and requirements for reimbursement for opioid drugs.

PART P amends the Maine New Markets Tax Credit program to increase the maximum amount of capital or equity investment in, or loan to, a qualified active low-income community business from \$10,000,000 to \$40,000,000 if that business is a manufacturing or value-added production enterprise that projects to create or retain more than 200 jobs.

PART Q establishes the 2012 Maine Use Tax Compliance Program to run from October 1, 2012, to November 30, 2012, to facilitate the discovery and recovery of unreported use tax. The program provides for the waiver of penalties if the tax and interest are paid during the program period, absolves participating taxpayers meeting the conditions of the program from further liability for use taxes incurred prior to January 1, 2012, absolves such taxpayers from liability for criminal prosecution and civil penalties related to those taxes and allows for payments through an approved payment plan.

PART R amends the income tax subtraction modification for certain retirement benefits to raise the \$6,000 limit to \$10,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The subtraction modification is expanded to include all federally taxable pension income, annuity income and individual retirement account distributions, except pick-up contributions for which a deduction has been allowed.

PART S includes the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" to L.D. 1840, An Act To Limit MaineCare Reimbursement for Methadone Treatment. It provides that, effective January 1, 2013, reimbursement under the MaineCare program for methadone for the treatment of addiction to opiates is limited to a lifetime maximum of 24 months, except that reimbursement may be provided for longer than 24 months if prior authorization is received from the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART T establishes the MaineCare Redesign Task Force to make recommendations to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and health and human services matters on the redesign of the MaineCare program in order to achieve General Fund savings of \$5,250,000 in fiscal year 2012-13. This Part provides a process for the Legislature's obtaining adequate information to achieve MaineCare redesign and provides for curtailment of allotments by the Governor in the event the Legislature does not enact a redesign plan.

PART U requires the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare a global Medicaid waiver, submit the proposed waiver for review by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and submit the waiver as a resolve for approval by the 126th Legislature.

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Parts V, W, X and Y incorporate the provisions in LD 1830 as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "C".

PART V establishes the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to assume the duties and responsibilities of the current Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the current Department of Conservation. It does not repeal any provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, which sets forth the laws and policies implemented by the current Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, or of Title 12, which sets forth the laws and policies implemented by the current Department of Conservation. It eliminates one commissioner position. It expresses the intent of the Legislature that a bill to consolidate relevant portions of the Maine Revised Statutes be enacted into law by the 126th Legislature and provides that if such a bill is not enacted into law by the date on which the 127th Legislature convenes then the statute that establishes the consolidated department is repealed.

PART W contains transition provisions for the establishment of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART X renames the Bureau of Forestry, Division of Forest Protection and amends the membership of the Land for Maine's Future Board and the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species to reflect the consolidation of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Department of Conservation into one department with one commissioner.

PART Y amends the lists of officials in certain salary ranges to reflect changes made by the consolidation of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Department of Conservation into the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

PART Z reduces the eligibility threshold for Medicaid services for a parent or a caretaker relative of an eligible child from a maximum of 133% of the nonfarm income official poverty line to 100% effective October 1, 2012, contingent upon the Department of Health and Human Services' receiving a waiver of the maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or being notified that such a waiver is not necessary.

Parts AA, BB, CC, DD, EE and FF incorporate the provisions in LD 1887 as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

PART AA eliminates as a separate and distinct office within the Department of Health and Human Services the Office of Substance Abuse.

PART BB eliminates as a separate and distinct office within the Department of Health and Human Services the Office of Elder and Adult Services.

PART CC eliminates as a separate and distinct office within the Department of Health and Human Services the Office of Adults with Cognitive and Physical Disability Services.

PART DD eliminates as a separate and distinct office within the Department of Health and Human Services the Office of Adult Mental Health Services.

PART EE eliminates the Office of Advocacy within the Department of Health and Human Services and directs the department to contract with an agency to provide services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism.

PART FF directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to review the current organizational structure, systems and operations of the Department of Health and Human Services and restructure the department in order to improve and streamline services.

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PART GG requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment effective October 1, 2012, to eliminate Medicaid coverage for individuals who are 19 or 20 years of age, who have incomes less than or equal to 150% of the nonfarm income official poverty line, who do not live with a dependent child and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, subject to a contingency that the department receive a waiver of the maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or is notified that such a waiver is not necessary.

PART HH reduces income eligibility for the Department of Health and Human Services' elderly low-cost drug program from 185% to 175% of the federal poverty level and for the Medicare savings program as follows: for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program, to income not more than 140% of the federal poverty level; for the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary program, to income more than 140% but not more than 160% of the federal poverty level; and for the Qualified Individuals program, to income more than 160% but not more than 175% of the federal poverty level. This Part also provides that the changes in income eligibility levels for the Medicare savings program are subject to the department's receiving written approval of the application for a waiver of the maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or receiving written notification that such a waiver is not necessary.

PART II requires that any balances of appropriations provided for consent decree activities in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program carry forward at the end of each fiscal year to be used in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

PART JJ provides funds to serve individuals on the waiting list for services for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism; reduces funding for behaviorally challenged children in a residential setting; provides funds to offset a deappropriation in Committee Amendment "A"; and provides funds to offset a 10% rate reduction in adult family care services in Public Law 2011, chapter 477.

LD 1816 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Streamline and Prioritize Core Government Services Task Force for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013 and To Make Certain Other Allocations and Appropriations and Changes to the Law Necessary to the Operation of State Government

**PUBLIC 477
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP	H-707 FLOOD

This bill represents the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs' unanimous recommendations after reviewing the report of the Streamline and Prioritize Core Government Services Task Force authorized in Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part KKK. The task force recommendations as amended by the Committee can be found in Parts A through L of this bill.

This bill also includes adjustments to appropriations and allocations and other necessary changes to the laws to address a shortfall within the MaineCare program in the Department of Health and Human Services in fiscal year 2011-12. The fiscal year 2011-12 appropriations to the various MaineCare accounts are offset through deappropriations and transfers in various accounts in each year of the 2012-2013 biennium. The unanimous recommendations of the Committee to address the fiscal year 2011-12 shortfall are contained in Part M to Part II. Some of the initiatives contained in this bill are similar to certain initiatives proposed by the Governor in LD 1746.

House Amendment "D" (H-707)

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This amendment:

1. Reduces from \$7,210,000 to \$2,397,939 the amount of the one-time transfer required by Dirigo Health in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of providing a state match for federal Medicaid services;
2. Corrects the stated effective date of the eligibility reduction for Medicaid services for parents with a maximum income of 200% to a maximum income of 133% of the nonfarm income official poverty line in the Part M initiative reducing the funding in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers account as a result of the one-time transfer. The amendment maintains the amount of the funding reduction in the Part M initiative at \$7,210,000;
3. Eliminates the provision that extends the 1.87% access payment to support the cost of Dirigo Health through June 30, 2013 and allows the rate to decrease to 1.64% on July 1, 2012, as scheduled;
4. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a plan by June 30, 2013, to transition categorically eligible individuals who are enrolled in the MaineCare childless adult waiver program to available MaineCare coverage options by December 31, 2013;
5. Increases from \$102,000,000 to \$103,500,000 the interfund advance from Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund unappropriated surplus required for one day at the end of fiscal year 2011-12;
6. Eliminates the proposed reductions in MaineCare payments to hospitals; and
7. Imposes on each hospital in the State a temporary assessment beginning July 1, 2012, equal to 0.39% of net operating revenue as identified on the hospital's audited financial statement.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 477 results in a net cost to the General Fund of \$5,603,526 and a net savings of \$780,311 to the Fund for a Healthy Maine in the 2012-2013 biennium.

PART A adjusts appropriations and allocations to implement the recommendations of the Streamline and Prioritize Core Government Services Task Force as modified by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

PART B recognizes savings to departments and agencies in the cost of technology as a result of initiatives enacted in Public Law 2011, chapter 380 that reduced personnel costs for the Office of Information Technology. It also recognizes savings from not renewing the Microsoft Enterprise agreement when it expires on May 1, 2012, from changing the manner in which agencies are charged for the use of the financial and personnel data warehouses and from the elimination of positions authorized in Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part QQQ.

PART C amends the language for general purpose aid for local schools to reduce the targets for the state share percentage of the statewide adjusted total cost of components of essential programs and services and the total cost of funding public education for fiscal year 2011-12. The targets are being reduced to reflect the reduced appropriation for the state agency client budget.

PART D repeals provisions regarding the adjustment for minimum teacher salary that require the Department of Education to increase the state share of the total allocation to a qualifying school administrative unit in the current year by an amount that represents the amount from the state General Fund necessary to achieve the minimum starting salary of \$30,000 for certified teachers.

PART E changes the date the judicial branch is required to submit a plan along with an estimate of the cost to implement electronic filing in civil docket cases to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial

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Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to July 1, 2012.

PART F amends the provision that allows certain children to continue to receive services through the Child Development Services System for an additional year rather than be enrolled in kindergarten by requiring a determination by the child's individualized education program team that it is in the best interest of the child to delay enrollment for one year.

PART G authorizes the State Controller and the Treasurer of State to adopt rules that require payments to certain vendors to be made by direct deposit.

PART H eliminates the requirement that a notice regarding unclaimed property must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in this State.

PART I limits, beginning January 1, 2013, MaineCare reimbursement for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs for the treatment of addiction to opioids to 24 months; the 24-month period includes those months occurring prior to January 1, 2013. The 24-month limit may be extended with prior approval by the Department of Health and Human Services. It also requires the MaineCare drug utilization review committee to develop a process and criteria for prior authorization beyond 24 months. It requires the department to track the use of these MaineCare services and document the health outcomes of MaineCare members subject to the limitations and to report on the prior authorization process and criteria and the limitations and health outcomes of persons subject to the limitations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

PART J requires an annual review of all schedule II drug prescriptions written by a physician assistant by a supervising physician.

PART K requires all prescribers in a class of prescriber, such as physicians, dentists or physician assistants, to register in the program if, on January 1, 2014, less than 90% of all prescribers in that class have registered in the program.

PART L changes the stated frequency of the \$2 fee charged by the Department of Health and Human Services for collection of child support payments to specify that the fee is charged on a per pay period basis; clarifies that the fee is directly associated with the collection of the child support payments and may be charged only for the period when the collection actually occurs; specifies that the annual service fee imposed by the State on an individual for whom the State is collecting child support is \$25; and specifies that the nonfederal shares of the \$2 fee and the \$25 annual service fee accrue to the General Fund.

PART M makes adjustments to appropriations and allocations necessary to provide additional funding for projected fiscal year 2011-12 MaineCare spending needs.

PART N implements a statewide All Other deappropriation of executive branch departments and agencies, except those specifically excluded, of approximately 1% of their All Other appropriations.

PART O limits MaineCare reimbursement for opioids to 15 consecutive days, with prior authorization for 2 extension periods of 15 days. It also provides for exceptions to the limitation, which include members who are in treatment for HIV, AIDS or cancer, members who are hospice patients and members who are receiving inpatient treatment in a hospital and provides that, for a member who on April 1, 2012, has been receiving opioids for the treatment of chronic pain for one year or longer continuously, the limitation on maximum MaineCare reimbursement takes effect September 1, 2012.

PART P transfers \$300,000 of revenue from the real estate transfer tax that would otherwise be deposited in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund in fiscal year 2012-13 to provide MaineCare seed for targeted case

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management services for individuals who are homeless. It also specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature that funding provided by the Maine State Housing Authority from the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund for individuals who are homeless and those most vulnerable to suffering homelessness will not be reduced as a result of the transfer.

PART Q requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to identify and transfer \$2,000,000 in available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts to the General Fund in fiscal year 2011-12. The commissioner is required to work with the other executive branch departments and agencies to determine the accounts from which the balances will be transferred and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by March 15, 2012.

PART R transfers \$3,000,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2011-12.

PART S requires the State Controller to lapse \$600,000 from the General Fund Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2012-13.

PART T transfers \$500,000 from available balances in the Workers' Compensation Board - Reserve Account within the Maine Workers' Compensation Board, Other Special Revenue Funds to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2011-12.

PART U requires the Finance Authority of Maine to transfer \$1,000,000 by June 30, 2012 and \$1,000,000 by June 30, 2013, from the Loan Insurance Reserve Fund to the State as undedicated revenue.

PART V lapses to the General Fund carrying balances from the Legislature and the Law and Legislative Reference Library totaling \$1,404,000 in fiscal year 2011-12. The balances that will lapse to the General Fund represent \$1,083,000 of fiscal year 2010-11 unexpended funds that carried forward and \$321,000 of fiscal year 2011-12 savings based on experience to date.

PART W establishes an adult developmental services working group to develop plans to address the need for efficiencies and savings in the delivery of adult developmental services.

PART X lowers the reimbursement rate for licensed critical access hospitals from 109% to 105% of MaineCare allowable costs beginning April 1, 2012 and repeals reimbursement provisions that conflict with the reduction.

PART Y transfers \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 from the Dirigo Health Fund to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program for the MaineCare seed for the childless adult waiver, and transfers \$472,800 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$2,556,881 in fiscal year 2012-13 from the Dirigo Health Fund to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program for the MaineCare seed for Cub Care children in families with incomes greater than or equal to 150% but less than 200% of the nonfarm income official poverty line.

PART Z ends as of September 30, 2012, the current Dirigo Health transfer of funds to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of providing a state match for federal Medicaid services for parents and caretakers of children from 133% to 200% of the nonfarm income official poverty line and requires a \$7,210,000 transfer in fiscal year 2012-13 from Dirigo Health to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of providing a state match for federal Medicaid services. This Part also extends the current 1.87% access payment rate to support the cost of Dirigo Health through June 30, 2013.

PART AA reduces eligibility for Medicaid services for a parent or caretaker relative of an eligible child from a maximum income of 200% of the nonfarm income official poverty line to a maximum income of 133% of the

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nonfarm income official poverty line effective October 1, 2012.

PART BB extends the current freeze on new enrollment in the MaineCare childless adult waiver program through June 30, 2013 in order to reduce the limit on total annual spending for the waiver to \$40,000,000. It also requires quarterly reports on enrollment and spending and requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to submit a plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters that achieves the necessary savings through a waiver program benefit redesign as the next course of action if the enrollment freeze is insufficient to maintain spending within the \$40,000,000.

PART CC requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules on MaineCare benefits to require substitution for a brand-name drug of a generic and therapeutically equivalent drug unless the prescriber has indicated that only the brand-name drug may be dispensed and that the brand-name drug is medically necessary and the department has previously authorized dispensing the brand-name drug. It also specifies certain exemptions from the mandatory substitution requirements.

PART DD requires a review of MaineCare reimbursement rates for inpatient substance abuse treatment and inpatient psychiatric treatment provided in community hospital with a reporting deadline of July 1, 2012.

PART EE lowers the amount of racino slot machine revenue that accrues to the Fund for a Healthy Maine in fiscal year 2012-13 from \$4,500,000 to \$2,500,000. This will reduce revenue to the Fund for a Healthy Maine by \$2,000,000 and increase the General Fund share of this revenue by the same amount.

PART FF gives the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of the bill over which the department has specific authority that has not been addressed by some other part of the bill.

PART GG repeals language requiring the State to use payroll deductions to collect health insurance assessments from Legislators because the mechanism of payroll deduction for Legislators is unavailable during the portion of the year in which the Legislature is not convened in session. This alters only the method of collecting the health insurance assessment; the assessment requirement itself remains unchanged.

PART HH lapses \$5,000,000 from the Bureau of Medical Services account within the Department of Health and Human Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund at the end of fiscal year 2011-12.

PART II increases the interfund advance from Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund unappropriated surplus required for one day at the end of fiscal year 2011-12 from \$43,000,000 to \$102,000,000.

Public Law 2011, chapter 477 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 23, 2012.

LD 1870 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 To Address Revenue Shortfalls Projected for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012

**PUBLIC 575
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

H-778 FLOOD

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This bill was introduced by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order 2012, H.P. 1367 to address revenue shortfalls projected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. It contains several initiatives originally proposed in LD 1903.

House Amendment "A" (H-778)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 575 results in a net savings to the General Fund of \$4,938,904 in fiscal year 2011-12.

PART A adjusts appropriations and allocations for debt service within the Office of the Treasurer of State.

PART B increases the amount the Finance Authority of Maine is required to transfer from the Loan Insurance Reserve Fund to General Fund undedicated revenue in fiscal year 2011-12 from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

PART C requires the State Controller to transfer \$450,000 from the Bureau of Revenue Services Fund, Internal Service Fund account to General Fund unappropriated surplus by June 30, 2012.

PART D requires the State Controller to transfer the first \$600,000 of unexpended Personal Services savings that would otherwise lapse to the Salary Plan program to General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2011-12.

PART E lapses \$300,000 from the unencumbered balance in the Maine Farms for the Future, General Fund account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the General Fund in fiscal year 2011-12.

PART F provides that a portion of unencumbered balance forward of the Department of Health and Human Services, Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center and Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, General Fund accounts lapses to the General Fund in fiscal year 2011-12.

PART G requires the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 in unexpended funds from the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services to General Fund unappropriated surplus no later than June 30, 2012.

PART H requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings from a decrease in charges made by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Financial and Personnel Services for its services and transfer those savings by financial order upon the approval of the Governor.

Public Law 2011, chapter 575 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 30, 2012.

LD 1903 An Act To Make Additional Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013

**PUBLIC 655
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD ROSEN R	OTP-AM	H-938 H-949 FLOOD

This bill is the Governor's proposed Supplemental Budget Bill for the 2012-2013 biennium.

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LD 1870, as enacted, contains some the initiatives originally proposed in this bill.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-938)

This is the unanimous report of the Committee in response to the Governor's proposed bill.

House Amendment "F" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-949)

This amendment makes the following technical changes to Committee Amendment "A":

1. Removes the designation of the Public Relations Representative in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a major policy-influencing position and the requirement that the position be appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
2. Adds the positions of Director, PK-20, Adult Education and Federal Programs Team and Director, Special Services Team as major policy-influencing positions in the Department of Education, subject to appointment by the Commissioner of Education;
3. Provides that the change made to the position of Director, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, making it subject to appointment by the Commissioner of Labor, does not take effect until the position becomes vacant;
4. Clarifies that the transfer of the economist positions from the State Planning Office to the Office of Policy and Management takes effect on July 1, 2012;
5. Specifies that the transition provisions transferring employees from the State Planning Office apply to employees who were in those positions as of April 1, 2012; and
6. Specifies that certain functions related to land use planning are transferred to the Department of Conservation, instead of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 655 results in a net savings to the General Fund of \$18,088,510 and a net savings to the Fund for a Healthy Maine of \$198,008 in the 2012-2013 biennium. The General Fund savings is net of \$4,615,361 in appropriations vetoed by the Governor pursuant to Article IV Part Third Section 2-A of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations for the 2012-2013 biennium. An appropriation of \$4,297,669 and Other Special Revenue allocations totaling \$1,895,824 related to the General Assistance program within the Department of Health and Human Services and an appropriation of \$3,176,972 to offset a reduction in federal disproportionate share payments for certain individuals involved in the criminal justice system and confined to the Riverview Psychiatric Center were vetoed by the Governor. The vetoed items are included in LD 1746, enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 657.

PART B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications.

PART C amends the law regarding general purpose aid for local schools to reflect the reduced appropriation for the state agency client budget and allows the Department of Education to expend state subsidy on behalf of a school administrative unit to purchase items on statewide contracts.

PART D makes certain communications and other positions within the Department of Education, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Labor part of the unclassified service and subject to the appointment of the commissioners of the respective departments and clarifies that employees of the Governor's Office of Communications and the Governor's Energy Office are unclassified employees.

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PART E clarifies that municipal school units have the authority to commit property taxes.

PART F authorizes the Commissioner of Education to establish a program for increasing the state share of the cost of approved bus refurbishing.

PART G authorizes the Commissioner of Education, for fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, to transfer funds to the State Charter School Commission program in order to provide funding for start-up costs for the oversight of public charter schools.

PART H lapses \$10,009,774 of the unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to the General Fund.

PART I creates a new Associate Commissioner for Tax Policy position; eliminates the existing Director of Econometric Research position; amends the membership of the Revenue Forecasting Committee and establishes a new Office of Tax Policy within the Bureau of Revenue Services. It also clarifies the authority of Bureau of Revenue Services to disclose confidential taxpayer information during the course of its enforcement and administration of the tax laws.

PART J corrects the program number identified for the State Board of Corrections Investment Fund program in Public Law 2011, chapter 428, Public Law 2011, chapter 448 and Public Law 2011, chapter 455.

PART K exempts financial orders that allot funds to pay death benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services persons who die while in the line of duty from legislative review and from provisions requiring a 30-day wait before taking effect.

PART L amends the consensus revenue forecasting process to eliminate the provision that requires the Revenue Forecasting Committee to exclude revenue that accrues from the Pine Tree Development Zone program from the revenue forecast and repeals the provision requiring that all revenue attributable to the Pine Tree Development Zone program be set aside in a separate fund to pay the benefits. It also repeals the law that establishes the Pine Tree Development Zone Reserve Fund and fixes a cross-reference.

PART M authorizes the State Budget Officer to adjust allocations in Fund for a Healthy Maine program accounts to address Personal Services shortfalls that occur as a result of allocation reductions for projected vacancies.

PART N reduces the amount the baseline increase in the funding to be provided to the University of Maine System for debt service to support a 10-year revenue bond and delays the first year of the debt service by one year.

PART O authorizes the State Controller to transfer up to \$1,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management if necessary to allow the department to fulfill its responsibilities under the emergency management assistance compact or the International Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Any amounts transferred must be returned to the fund when reimbursement for services is received.

PART P eliminates the position of Economic Analyst from the Office of the Public Advocate.

PART Q requires any General Fund balances remaining in the Administration - Executive - Governor's Office, Blaine House, Governor's Office of Communications, Office of Policy and Management and Governor's Energy Office programs to be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year.

PART R does the following: reduces general assistance maximum levels of assistance by 10% from levels in effect on April 1, 2012 for the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013; restricts housing assistance in the municipal

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general assistance program to no more than 9 months during the calendar year for the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013; reduces the state reimbursement rate for a municipality that incurs net general assistance costs in a fiscal year in excess of .0003 of that municipality's most recent state valuation to 85% for the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013; directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to establish a working group to review and make recommendations related to the general assistance program; and directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to establish a pilot program to maximize access to federal assistance programs for which applicants for or recipients of general assistance may be eligible.

PART S eliminates the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services provide limited transitional food benefits to ASPIRE-TANF program recipients who lose TANF eligibility due to employment earnings and authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to provide limited transitional food benefits to working families who are food supplement benefit recipients with dependent children.

PART T repeals the provision of law that requires nursing facilities to submit payment to the Department of Health and Human Services equal to 50% of Medicaid savings due the State pursuant to the principles of reimbursement.

PART U requires remaining balances of funds appropriated for state supplemental income benefits to be carried forward from year to year.

PART V requires that any remaining funds in the Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services - Community program appropriated for rental assistance and shelter services be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

PART W amends the law that authorizes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to approve financial orders to further authorize revisions of and increases to allotment within the judicial branch.

PART X authorizes the transfer of year-end balances in the Personal Services line category to the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Corrections program after all financial commitments and budgetary adjustments are made.

PART Y transfers \$600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Criminal Justice Academy program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Public Safety.

PART Z directs the State Controller to transfer \$700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Fire Marshal - Office of program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Public Safety.

PART AA requires the State Controller to transfer \$1,300,000 on or before June 30, 2012 and \$950,000 on or before June 30, 2013 from the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART BB provides that the unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Labor, Governor's Training Initiative Program, General Fund account lapses to the General Fund in fiscal year 2011-12.

PART CC abolishes the State Planning Office and implements the recommendations of the working group established by Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part FF regarding transfer of duties and responsibilities of the State Planning Office to other state departments and agencies.

PART DD establishes in the Executive Department the Governor's Office of Policy and Management and establishes certain reporting provisions.

PART EE amends laws regarding state boards and commissions and natural resources-related planning functions to reflect the elimination of the Executive Department, State Planning Office and eliminates several boards and

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commissions for which the State Planning Office has provided support.

PART FF transfers the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties and responsibilities regarding training and certification for municipal code enforcement officers to the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Conservation and establishes certain reporting requirements on the status of the transition.

PART GG transfers the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties and responsibilities regarding solid waste management and recycling policy to the Department of Environmental Protection and transfers ownership of state-owned landfills and related management duties and responsibilities to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services.

PART HH transfers the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties and responsibilities as the state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program to the Department of Conservation.

PART II transfers the duties, responsibilities and activities of the Executive Department, State Planning Office regarding provision of staff support for the Land for Maine's Future program to the Department of Conservation, Natural Areas Program.

PART JJ transfers the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties and responsibilities regarding planning and land use regulation to the Department of Conservation and directs the Commissioner of Conservation to designate the Director of Land Use Planning to coordinate technical assistance and provide guidance for state agencies and local and regional comprehensive plans.

PART KK transfers the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties and responsibilities as lead agency for the Maine Coastal Program to the Department of Conservation's Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas, renamed, accordingly, the Bureau of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources.

PART LL transfers the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties, responsibilities and activities regarding provision of administrative support for the Maine Commission for Community Service to the Department of Education.

PART MM transfers the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties and responsibilities regarding various energy policy-related matters to the Governor's Energy Office and changes the name of the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security to the Governor's Energy Office. It also specifies that the Governor's Energy Office is funded by federal funds that are received by the office and provides that the office may receive funds from the Efficiency Maine Trust for specified related portions of its activities if federal funds are inadequate to meet the office's funding needs with additional funding of the office must come from the General Fund or other available resources.

PART NN contains general transition provisions regarding transfer of the Executive Department, State Planning Office's duties, responsibilities and property to the other units of State Government as provided in the bill.

PART OO amends the special education laws by: giving the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, responsibility for developing and implementing a funding mechanism for the operation of the state intermediate educational unit and the delivery of services to eligible children with disabilities from birth to under 6 years of age; placing sole responsibility for the development and adoption of rules necessary to carry out the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act on the Commissioner of Education; requiring the Department of Education to develop a corrective action plan to achieve compliance with federal or state law; and eliminating regional sites as locally governed regional intermediate educational units established.

PART PP enacts a new sales and use tax exemption for positive airway pressure equipment used in respiratory

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ventilation and for supplies and repair and replacement parts for such equipment.

PART QQ repeals the filing requirement of information returns by partnerships and S corporations; amends the definition of "taxpayer" to include pass-through entities in order to provide the State Tax Assessor the ability to audit a pass-through entity even if the entity does not have a Maine filing requirement; and makes technical changes to reflect the proposed changes. This Part applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

PART RR requires the State Budget Officer to calculate a specified level of saving from the lowered costs of business communications lines and transfer the savings by financial order.

PART SS changes the position title for the Assistant to the Commissioner for Public Affairs to the Director of Legislative Affairs within the Department of Labor.

PART TT authorizes the State Controller to transfer funds from the Carrying Balances - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to partially fund the reorganization of 3 positions that were included in the retirement incentive program.

PART UU lapses \$55,798 from the unencumbered balance of the Veterans' Organization Tax Reimbursement program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2011-12 and lapses \$5,766 from the unencumbered balance in the Veterans' Organization Tax Reimbursement program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the General Fund in fiscal year 2011-12.

PART VV requires the State Budget Officer to calculate a specified level of savings from a decrease in charges made by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Financial and Personnel Services for its services and transfer those savings by financial order.

PART WW amends the provisions for the appointment of the State Fire Marshal so that the appointment is made with the consent of the Governor, for a term of 4 years coterminous with the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature and clarifies circumstances for removal of the State Fire Marshal from office.

PART XX requires the State Controller to transfer the first \$6,000,000 of unexpended Personal Services appropriations that would otherwise lapse to the Salary Plan program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to General Fund unappropriated surplus at the close of fiscal year 2011-12 and allows the State Controller to transfer funding from the Salary Plan program to General Fund unappropriated surplus in the event that the full \$6,000,000 of Personal Services savings in this Part is not achieved.

PART YY lapses \$6,072 from the unencumbered balance of the Agricultural Vitality Program - Carrying Account, General Fund account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the General Fund in fiscal year 2011-12.

PART ZZ increases the attrition rate for fiscal year 2012-13 only from 5% to 6% and requires the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer a specified level of savings.

PART AAA requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to identify improvements to the organizational efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the state psychiatric centers and authorizes the transfer of positions and funding by prior to September 1, 2012. An appropriation of \$3,172,672 in unallocated funds for the Riverview Psychiatric Center to offset a reduction in disproportionate share payments for individuals transferred from jails or prisons, individuals for whom the court has ordered evaluations and for individuals determined to be incompetent to stand trial was removed from the enacted bill through the Governor's exercise of the Line Item Veto provision of the State Constitution.

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PART BBB requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to consult with the Maine Public Broadcasting Network and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency and other state agencies as needed regarding the costs incurred by the Maine Public Broadcasting Network to provide statewide emergency broadcasting services on a fee-for-service basis and a plan to reduce the appropriation provided by the State over the next 5 years, gradually shifting to a fee-for-service contract. It also requires the Commissioner to submit a report, to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by September 15, 2012, and allows the joint standing committee to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

PART CCC transfers any balance in the Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program at the end of fiscal year 2011-12 to the Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART DDD reduces the interfund advance from Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund unappropriated surplus required for one day at the end of fiscal year 2011-12 from \$103,500,000 to \$91,000,000.

PART EEE establishes the Electronic Monitoring Fund within the Department of Corrections; requires the Commissioner of Corrections to consult with the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse and other interested parties to develop a plan to expand the use of electronic monitoring in cases involving domestic violence, subject to the availability of donations made to the Electronic Monitoring Fund.

PART FFF requires the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor to work together to identify \$287,541 in efficiencies and savings within existing General Fund programs of the Department of Education and the Department of Labor in order to support the cost of specified positions within the Department of Labor, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired and to present their findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development.

PART GGG provides that certain employees whose positions are eliminated pursuant to Part A section 7 are entitled to continued coverage under the state employee health insurance program and the State is required to continue to pay that employee's premium.

Public Law 2011, chapter 655 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2012.

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SUBJECT INDEX

Budget Bills

Enacted

LD 1746	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 Year Ending June 30, 2013	PUBLIC 657
LD 1816	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Streamline and Prioritize Core Government Services Task Force for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013 and To Make Certain Other Allocations and Appropriations and Changes to the Law Necessary to the Operation of State Government	PUBLIC 477 EMERGENCY
LD 1870	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 To Address Revenue Shortfalls Projected for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012	PUBLIC 575 EMERGENCY
LD 1903	An Act To Make Additional Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013	PUBLIC 655 EMERGENCY

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Enacted

LD 1667	An Act To Clarify Authorization for a Court Facilities Bond	PUBLIC 671
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Not Enacted

LD 381	An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget	ONTP
LD 807	An Act To Limit the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Court Facility Projects	VETO SUSTAINED
LD 1662	An Act To Provide for an Advisory Referendum on the Approval of Tax-exempt Student Loan Revenue Bonds	ONTP

General Obligation Bond Bills

Enacted

LD 359	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds	PUBLIC 695
LD 852	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine's Natural Resource-based Economy	PUBLIC 696
LD 874	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Higher Education	PUBLIC 700
LD 894	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation Infrastructure To Meet the Needs of the Business Sector and To Create Jobs	PUBLIC 697

Not Enacted

LD 63	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair the Mountain Division Rail Line	ONTP
LD 111	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Large-scale Marketing and Research and Development for Bulk Sales of Maine Seafood Worldwide	ONTP
LD 225	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 To Fund Research and Development	VETO SUSTAINED
LD 263	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Construction of a Marine Technology Incubator Facility at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute	ONTP
LD 399	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund LifeFlight	ONTP
LD 409	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development for Technology Advancement	ONTP
LD 417	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Rail Lines in Western Maine	ONTP
LD 420	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Building a Container Port on Sears Island	ONTP
LD 470	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete Renovation of a Bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute	ONTP
LD 741	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Water and Sewer Infrastructure To Protect Public Health and To Facilitate the Expansion and Growth of Business	ONTP
LD 777	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Necessary Capital Improvements at the University of Maine System That Support the Critical Disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math To Enhance Economic Development and Employment Opportunities for Maine Citizens	ONTP
LD 829	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation, Broadband Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization, Land for Maine's Future and Training Facilities in Labor Market Areas with Higher than Average Unemployment for Tourism-related Training	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

LD 842	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Research and Sustainable Development of Maine's Natural Resources	ONTP
LD 851	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Railroads To Reduce the Cost of Shipping to Maine Businesses, Attract Tourists to Maine and Facilitate the Development of Commuter Rail Transportation To Reduce the Use of Oil in Maine	ONTP
LD 919	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Provide for a Trained Workforce for Maine's Energy Future	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 948	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Jobs through Energy Efficiency	ONTP
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LD 990	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 for Road and Bridge Construction	ONTP
LD 1187	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Revitalize Maine's Downtowns through Innovative Business Development and the Creative Economy	ONTP
LD 1240	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce the Cost of Government through Energy Efficiency	ONTP
LD 1386	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Challenger Learning Center of Maine	ONTP
LD 1395	An Act To Authorize a Highway Fund Bond Issue To Improve Maine's Roads and Bridges	ONTP

Miscellaneous Funding and Other Requests

Not Enacted

LD 565	An Act To Provide Funding for the World Acadian Congress	ONTP
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State Employee and Teacher Retirement

Enacted

LD 1651	An Act To Clarify Health Insurance Benefits for Disabled Participants in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	PUBLIC 540 EMERGENCY
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Not Enacted

LD 513	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To More Equitably Fund the Liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	ONTP
LD 1632	An Act To Amend Provisions Limiting the Return to Work after Retirement by Teachers, School Employees and State Employees	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

State Employees, Office of Employee Health and Benefits

Not Enacted

LD 1657	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Health Insurance for Certain State Employees	ONTP
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