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An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

(EMERGENCY)

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

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill as emergency legislation proposes to make supplemental appropriations and
6 allocations from the General Fund and other funds for the expenditures of State
7 Government and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations
8 of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as submitted by the Governor
9 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5.

10 The documents submitted by the Governor may be found here:
11 <https://legislature.maine.gov/12329>.

**PART I
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances in the Information Services program, General Fund account for fiscal year 2022-23 only, in order to fund statewide cybersecurity costs.

PART J

Sec. J-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for the purpose of providing the resources to fund an additional one-time cost-of-living increase of 1.0% of the established 2022 maximum benefit subject to an increase for retirees from the state-sponsored retirement plans. The additional 1.0% applies to retirement benefit payments, up to a maximum of \$24,186.25, for the one-year period ending August 31, 2022. This additional increase applies to retirees who were eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment in September 2022. The additional increase made pursuant to this section is a one-time payment and is not included in the calculation of future benefit adjustments.

**PART J
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the State Controller to transfer up to \$6,600,000 from unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and directs to Board to issue a one-time 1.0% retirement benefit payment.

PART K

Sec. K-1. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§2 is amended to read:

2. Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit all license fees received pursuant to chapters 721, 723, 725 and 735 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit 80% of the feed registration fees collected under section 714, subsection 1 ~~and all revenue in excess of \$100,000 from the surcharge collected under section 714, subsection 4~~ in the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing license blanks, stickers and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary personnel, payments to animal shelters and expenses incurred in the administration of this Part.