

LD 210, Governor Mills' FY 2026 – FY 2027 Biennial General Fund Budget

Proposals of Municipal Interest for LPC Input
January 30, 2025

Budget Initiative	Location	FY 2026	FY 2027	LPC
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement (2/3 @ 1 p.m.)	Page A-27	\$92 million	\$95 million	
County Jail Operations including funding for medication assisted treatment (MAT) mandate. (2/4 @ 1 p.m.)	Page A-149	\$24.3 million	\$24.3 million	
General Assistance (2/13 @ 1 p.m.)	Page A-330	\$10.4 million	\$10.4 million	
Revenue Sharing (2/3 @ 1 p.m.)	Pages A-630 & 633	\$276 million	\$283 million	
55% K-12 Education /Minimum Mil Rate 6.1 (2/7 @ 1 p.m.)	Part C (Pages 1-6)	\$1.5 billion	N/A	
Maine Office of Community Affairs. Transfers to MOCA the community resilience partnership, coastal zone management, floodplain management, municipal planning assistance, housing planning, volunteer Maine, code enforcement and Maine climate corps programs. (2/5 @ 1 p.m.)	Part D (Pages 6-42)	\$19 million	\$19 million	
Cannabis Excise Tax. Reduces the cannabis excise tax rates by one-third and concurrently increases the sales tax on adult use cannabis to 14% and amends transfers to the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund from 12% to 9%. (2/3 @ 1 p.m.)	Part F (Pages 91-93)	\$4.3 million	\$4.3 million	
Ambulance Provider Tax. Assesses a tax equal to 6% of the entity's operating revenue, except for programs run by the Maine National Guard, municipal governments and non-profit organizations. (2/12 @ 10 a.m.)	Part TT (Pages 91-93)	N/A	N/A	

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SNAP & TANF Benefit. Repeals the hardship exception that currently allows individuals who have obtained proper work documentation but are unemployed to receive state-funded SNAP and TANF benefits. (2/13 @ 1 p.m.)	Part VV (Pages 103-104)	N/A	N/A	
\$7 Fishing License Fee Increase. (2/26 @ 1 p.m.)	Part NNN (Pages 113-114)	N/A	N/A	
Concealed Handgun Permit Fee Increases. Increases the fee for concealed handgun permits from \$35 to \$50 for an original application and from \$20 to \$35 for a renewal permit. The nonresident fee for both an original and renewal permit is increased from \$60 to \$80. (2/4 @ 1 p.m.)	Part VVV (Page 122-123)	N/A	N/A	
Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund. Levied assessments may not be designed to produce more revenue than is sufficient for the Workers' Compensation Board to fund the expenditure allocated by the Legislature and to maintain a reserve of up to 25% of the board's annual budget. (2/6 @ 1 p.m.)	Part YYY (Page 125)	N/A	N/A	