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S.P. 530

In Senate, March 31, 2005

An Act To Create a Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Maine

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono and
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, DAMON of Hancock, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot,
Representatives: BOWEN of Rockport, FISCHER of Presque Isle, NORTON of Bangor,
RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

4 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §9-B** is enacted to read:

6 **Sec. 9-B. Graduate school of biomedical sciences.** The Board of
8 Trustees of the University of Maine System shall establish a
10 graduate school of biomedical sciences, referred to in this
section as "the school," to educate and train students in basic
and clinical fields of biomedicine and the biosciences in
accordance with the following:

12 A. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System
14 shall establish the school in partnership with the Jackson
Laboratory, the Maine Medical Center Research Institute and
16 the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, referred to
in this section as "partner institutions."

18 B. The mission of the school is to administer a graduate
20 education and fellowship program that is open on a
competitive basis to its partner institutions, other Maine
22 biomedical research institutions, Maine private education
institutions and the University of Maine System.

24 C. To attract the most highly qualified graduate students
26 from around the country and around the world, the school
shall make every effort to ensure that the stipends offered
28 by the school are sufficient to compete with the fellowship
offers of the leading universities in the United States.

30 D. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System
32 shall administer the school with the aid of an advisory
committee composed of one representative from each of the
34 partner institutions; one representative from the University of
Maine System; and one representative from another research
36 institution or institution of higher education in the State.

38 E. The school shall serve as the coordinating entity for
40 interdisciplinary or interinstitutional graduate programs,
including but not limited to doctoral programs in functional
42 genomics, the Institute for Molecular Biophysics,
cooperative doctoral programs in biochemistry and the Maine
44 Institute for Human Genetics and Health.

46 F. The school shall work towards developing a college of
allied health professions.

