

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 16

House of Representatives, January 13, 2015

**An Act To Restore Programs and Faculty to the University of Maine
System**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland,
MELARAGNO of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** state funding for the University of Maine System has remained relatively
4 flat for a number of years; and

5 **Whereas,** this flat funding has led to the proposal to eliminate certain university
6 programs and faculty; and

7 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect immediately to provide sufficient
8 funding to avoid irreparable harm to the University of Maine System; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

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

14 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
15 allocations are made.

16 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
17 **Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

18 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to restore programs and faculty to the University of
19 Maine System.

21	GENERAL FUND	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
22	All Other	\$28,604,154	\$45,632,820	\$58,786,465
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24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$28,604,154</u>	<u>\$45,632,820</u>	<u>\$58,786,465</u>

25 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
26 legislation takes effect when approved.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill provides ongoing funds to restore programs and faculty to the University of
29 Maine System.