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L.D. 681

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 296, L.D. 681, "An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §10018 in the first indented paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "thereafter," the following: "in addition to any adjustment for inflation."

Amend the bill in section 1 in §10018 in the first indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5%" and inserting the following: "2% above the baseline budget"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE

Maritime Academy - Operations 0035

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to increase the percentage of the Maine Maritime Academy's total state appropriation as a share of its total operating costs by 2% until the percentage of the total state appropriation as a share of the Maine Maritime Academy's total operating costs equals at least the lesser of the percentage of the University of Maine System's and the Maine Community College System's total state appropriation compared to each respective system's total operating costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,161,107	\$2,380,268
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,161,107	\$2,380,268

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 296, L.D. 681 (S-175)

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, and each fiscal year thereafter, in addition to any adjustment for inflation, the Legislature must increase the percentage of the Maine Maritime Academy's total state appropriation as a share of its total operating cost by 2% above the baseline budget until the percentage of the Maine Maritime Academy's total state appropriation as a share of the academy's total operating costs equals at least the lesser of the percentages of the University of Maine System's and the Maine Community College System's total state appropriation as a share of each respective system's total operating costs. The amendment changes the percentage increase provided under the bill, which requires an annual increase by 5%.

The amendment also removes the provisions of the bill that establish the Commission to Study the Funding of Public Institutions of Higher Education.

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 681****LR 1824(02)****An Act Regarding Public Higher Education Funding in the State****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S.175)****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,161,107	\$2,380,268	\$3,659,663	\$5,003,838
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,161,107	\$2,380,268	\$3,659,663	\$5,003,838

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,161,107 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$2,380,268 in fiscal year 2026-27 to Maine Maritime Academy (MMA) for the costs associated with increasing the percentage of MMA's total state appropriation as a share of its total operating costs by 2% per year until the percentage of the MMA's total state appropriation as a share of its total operating costs equals at least the lesser of the percentage of the University of Maine System's (UMS) and the Maine Community College System's (MCCS) total state appropriation compared to each system's total operating costs. Currently, MMA's total state appropriation funds approximately 23.15% of its total operating costs. Appropriations for the UMS funds approximately 41% of its operating costs and appropriations for MCCS funds approximately 39% of its operating costs.