

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Maritime Academy for the fiscal year 1976-77 the sum of \$308,000 which shall be used to adjust salaries and benefits for the faculty, administrative staff and classified employees of the Maine Maritime Academy in accordance with the established salary schedules approved by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1976-77
MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY	
Personal Services	\$308,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill appropriates \$113,000 for adjustments to the salaries and benefits of the faculty, \$122,000 for the administrative staff and \$73,000 for the classified employees. The recommended salary schedule for faculty is equal to the average salary of University of Maine faculty; for the administrative staff, the figures are comparable to salaries for the administration of the University of Maine at Farmington; the schedule for the classified employees is the same as the University of Maine classified employee matrix. The board of trustees has approved the establishment of a salary schedule for all levels which includes both meritorious and durational incremental increases. Enactment of this bill is seen as essential to implementing the recommendation of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges regarding increased salaries and benefits for Maine Maritime Academy employees. This bill does not include any cost-of-living raises which may be enacted by the Legislature for the State, university and Maine Maritime Academy employees.