

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 488

S. P. 171

In Senate, February 17, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and 2,000 ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Fund the Cost of the Employees' Share of the Premium of the Employees' Health Insurance Programs at the University of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 107th Legislature provided insufficient funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, for the Employees' Health Insurance Programs of both the University of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy; and

Whereas, the university and the academy have suffered some hardship during this year, because they both decided to use budgeted funds for the insurance programs, so that employees would not have to contribute to it; and

Whereas, the Legislature would like to reimburse the university and the academy for the amounts budgeted for the insurance program, and thereby diminish the hardships which have occurred; and

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

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the University of Maine, the sum of \$140,800 to be used in areas where hardships occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, as a result of

the university's paying for part of the employees' share of the premium of the Employees' Health Insurance Program. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1976-77

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

All other

Chancellor's Office/System-Wide Services	\$ 7,040
Augusta Campus	5,632
Farmington Campus	9,856
Fort Kent Campus	2,816
Machias Campus	2,816
Orono Campus	81,664
Portland-Gorham Campus	26,752
Presque Isle Campus	4,224

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Maritime Academy the sum of \$17,198 to be used in areas where hardships occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, as a result of the academy's paying for part of the employees' share of the premium of the Employees' Health Insurance Program. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1976-77

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

All other

\$17,198

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The 107th Legislature appropriated \$200,000 to the University of Maine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977 to cover the costs of the employees contribution to the Employees' Health Insurance Program. Because this amount was not sufficient, the university decided to generate \$140,800 from other sources within its budget in order to prevent the employees from having to contribute to the health insurance program.

In addition, the 107th Legislature did not appropriate sufficient funds to the Maine Maritime Academy to cover the costs of this program. Like the university, the academy decided to generate funds (\$17,198) from other sources within its budget.

The purpose of this bill is to reimburse the University of Maine for the \$140,800 and the Maine Maritime Academy for the \$17,198. The amounts to be received by the individual campuses and the chancellor's office of the university are based on the number of employees at each.