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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 744

8 H.P. 524

House of Representatives, February 27, 1985

9 Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Handy of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Senator Berube of Androscoggin, Representative Cote of Auburn and Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT to Enhance Educational Opportunities
19 at the University of Maine at
20 Augusta, Lewiston-Auburn Learning
21 Center.
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23 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
24 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
25 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

26 Whereas, to meet the immediate post-secondary ed-
27 ucational needs of residents of Androscoggin County,
28 the 111th Legislature appropriated \$2,000,000 to be
29 used during 1984-85 to establish and operate an addi-
30 tional campus of the University of Maine in the
31 Lewiston area; and

32 Whereas, the conditions precedent to that appro-
33 priation becoming effective have not been satisfied;
34 and

1 Whereas, citizens living in Androscoggin County
2 continue to show immediate interest and need for
3 diverse post-secondary educational programs; and

4 Whereas, the University of Maine at Augusta,
5 Lewiston-Auburn Learning Center currently meets some
6 of those needs, but many others remain unmet; and

7 Whereas, additional programs are necessary im-
8 mediately to fill the post-secondary educational needs
9 of Androscoggin County citizens; and

10 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
11 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
12 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
13 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
14 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
15 therefore,

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

18 Sec. 1. PL 1983, c. 839, §2, is repealed and the
19 following enacted in its place:

20 Sec. 2. PL 1983, c. 477, Pt. B, under the cap-
21 tion "UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, BOARD OF TRUSTEES," is re-
22 pealed and the following enacted in its place:

23		<u>1984-85</u>
24	<u>UNIVERSITY OF MAINE,</u>	
25	<u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>	
26	<u>Educational and General</u>	
27	<u>Activities - University</u>	
28	<u>of Maine</u>	
29	<u>All Other</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
30	<u>Provides funds to en-</u>	
31	<u>hance and expand pro-</u>	
32	<u>gram offerings, sup-</u>	
33	<u>port facilities,</u>	
34	<u>physical plant, and</u>	
35	<u>scholarships and</u>	
36	<u>transportation ser-</u>	
37	<u>vices at the Univer-</u>	

1 sity of Maine at Au-
2 gusta,
3 Lewiston-Auburn
4 Learning Center.

5 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE,
6 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7 TOTAL \$2,000,000

8 **Sec. 2. Carrying clause.** The funds appropriated
9 by this Act shall not lapse, but shall remain in a
10 continuous fund to be used for the purposes for which
11 they are appropriated. The funds appropriated by
12 this Act, shall be placed in an interest bearing ac-
13 count. The interest which accrues on the funds in
14 the account shall remain in the account for the use
15 of the Board of Trustees to accomplish the purposes
16 of this Act.

17 Furthermore, tuition and grant money received by the
18 University of Maine at Augusta from programs offered
19 at the Lewiston-Auburn Learning Center shall be
20 placed in a separate interest bearing account for use
21 on capital expenditures at the Lewiston-Auburn Learn-
22 ing Center.

23 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
24 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
25 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill reallocates the money already appropri-
3 ated to establish a Lewiston campus of the University
4 of Maine. The money would now be used by the Univer-
5 sity of Maine at Augusta to provide expanded programs
6 and services at its Lewiston-Auburn Learning Center.
7 The money would be used to expand the baccalaureate
8 program by offering degrees relevant to Androscoggin
9 County citizens, such as nursing. It would also be
10 used to provide library, laboratory and computer sup-
11 port for current and expanded programs, to acquire,
12 renovate, heat and light necessary classroom space
13 and to provide limited financial aid for needy stu-
14 dents. The money would be used to provide a shuttle
15 transportation service from the center to various
16 points in Androscoggin County in order to enhance the
17 availability of post-secondary educational services
18 to county residents.

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