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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1018, L.D. 1410, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Funding Formula for the University of Maine System"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Establish Additional Funding for the University of Maine System'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Board of Trustees and chancellor; review and report.

Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System and the chancellor shall review the current method of distributing state resources in light of distinctive missions, enrollment shifts, program priorities, changing program costs, demographic patterns and emerging needs of the State. As part of this review, the trustees and chancellor shall ensure that the needs of the State's nontraditional students are met in a more equitable manner. The trustees and chancellor shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 15, 1998 with a funding formula proposal that will be implemented during fiscal year 1999-2000; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1997-98

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

Educational and General Activities-USM

All Other \$1,000,000

Provides funds to provide additional support for students at the University of Maine System.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1997-98

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$1,000,000

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 to the University of Maine System to provide additional support for students.

The additional costs associated with reviewing the current method of distributing state resources within the University of Maine System can be absorbed by the system utilizing existing budgeted resources.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill and changes it to a resolve. The amendment directs the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System and the chancellor to review the current method of distributing state resources and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on a funding formula to be implemented in fiscal year 1999-2000. This amendment also provides a General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 to provide additional support for students at the University of Maine System. Finally, this amendment adds a fiscal note.