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House of Representatives, March 11, 1997

An Act to Establish a Funding Formula for the University of Maine System.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, KONTOS of Windham, MADORE of Augusta, NASS
of Acton, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: JENKINS of Androscoggin,
PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10901, sub-§§3 to 5** are enacted to read:

6 **3. Cost adjustment factor.** "Cost adjustment factor" means
8 a factor that is used to adjust the base allocation per full-time
equivalent student to reflect variations in educational and
general expenditures by academic degree programs.

10 **4. Eligible institution.** "Eligible institution" means a
12 campus or institution that is part of the University of Maine
System.

14 **5. Full-time equivalent student.** "Full-time equivalent
16 student" means the level of full-time student enrollment derived
by combining the total number of credit hours for full-time and
18 part-time students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and
nondegree programs in the fall of the academic year. The formula
20 for calculating full-time equivalent levels is as follows: fall
undergraduate credit hours divided by 15, plus fall law credit
22 hours divided by 15, plus fall graduate and doctoral credit hours
divided by 9 equals the fall full-time equivalent.

24 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §10903-A** is enacted to read:

26 **§10903-A. Funding formula**

28 General Fund appropriations to the trustees for educational
30 and general purposes must be appropriated to support students
enrolled at eligible institutions in the amounts determined by an
enrollment-based funding formula.

32 **1. Calculation of base allocation per full-time equivalent**
34 **student.** The amount of funds appropriated annually to the
university constitutes the funds available for allocation to
36 eligible institutions under the funding formula. The base
allocation per full-time equivalent student enrolled within the
38 university is determined by dividing the annual appropriation to
the university system by the total full-time equivalent student
40 enrollment for the university during the most recent academic
year.

42 **2. Total full-time equivalent student enrollment; cost**
44 **adjustment factor.** The total full-time equivalent student
enrollment is determined by applying a cost adjustment factor to
46 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled by academic
degree program levels at each campus of the university and by
48 calculating the sum of paragraphs A, B, and C:

2 A. The number of full-time equivalent undergraduate
students enrolled at each campus multiplied by a cost factor
of one;

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6 B. The number of full-time equivalent master's students
enrolled at each campus multiplied by a cost factor of 1.25;
and

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10 C. The number of full-time equivalent doctoral or law
students enrolled at each campus multiplied by a cost factor
of 1.5.

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14 For the purpose of determining the annual allocation of
appropriated funds to eligible institutions, campus
administrators shall report the actual level of full-time
16 equivalent student enrollment for each academic year to the
trustees.

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20 3. Calculation of campus allocations. The total amount of
state funds guaranteed to each eligible institution is determined
22 by the campus full-time equivalent student enrollment level as
adjusted by academic degree program levels. Institutions are
24 guaranteed to receive an allocation based on the total number of
full-time equivalent students enrolled in undergraduate, masters,
26 doctoral or law degree programs from the previous academic year.
The number of full-time equivalent students for each eligible
28 institution is derived in the same manner as described in
subsection 2.

30 4. Funding of chancellor's office. The university may
withhold up to 1% of each eligible institution's allocation to
32 support the system-wide services office, which includes the
chancellor's office and other noninstitution specific costs in
34 providing central administrative services.

36 5. Funding for campus facilities. The trustees must
allocate any funds received from state appropriations for the
38 construction and maintenance of university facilities in the same
manner as provided in this section for the allocation of
40 educational and general funds.

42 6. Transition and implementation. Implementation of the
enrollment-based funding formula must be phased in as defined in
44 paragraphs B and C. The allocation of General Fund
appropriations for educational and general purposes and funds
46 allocated by the trustees for construction and facilities
maintenance purposes must be implemented over a transition period
48 beginning in fiscal year 1998-99.

