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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397, L.D. 1950, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changes to Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the amendment in Part FF in section 1 in the 9th line (page 150, line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$3,000,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$1,600,000'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Parts GG and HH.

Further amend the amendment by inserting after Part DDD the following:

PART EEE

Sec. EEE-1. 10 MRSA §949 is enacted to read:

§949. Revenues to the fund

The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall take all actions necessary to obtain revenue from sources other than the General Fund, including revenues from intellectual property arising from research or joint ventures funded by the fund and to ensure that those revenues replace General Fund appropriations by June 30, 2003.

Sec. EEE-2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

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

Maine Economic Improvement Fund

All Other \$5,500,000

Provides funds for the first year of a 5-year General Fund funding strategy for the Maine Economic Improvement Fund, to be used in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 107-C to fund applied scientific research and related commercial development conducted by the University of Maine System, its member institutions and its employees and students in 5 target areas.'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will decrease the General Fund cost of the bill by \$100,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 and increase the General Fund cost of the bill by \$100,000 in fiscal year 1998-99. A balanced budget for the 1998-1999 biennium is maintained.

SUMMARY

This amendment reduces the appropriation to the Maine Technical College System for information technology, capital equipment and facility improvement to \$1,600,000.

This amendment removes the provision in Committee Amendment "A" that provided \$100,000 to construct a facility at the University of Maine at Fort Kent for forestry and environmental programs.

This amendment strikes the provision in Committee Amendment "A" that increased the maximum grant in the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program from \$500 to \$1,000.

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2 Finally, this amendment provides an appropriation to the
4 Maine Economic Improvement Fund of \$5,500,000 to fund scientific
6 research and related commercial development.

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