

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 643

S.P. 221

In Senate, January 26, 1999

**An Act to Implement the Recommendation of the Joint Select  
Committee on Research and Development Relating to Funding the  
Maine Economic Improvement Fund.**

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Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development and the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and  
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, LAWRENCE of York,  
MacKINNON of York, Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, COWGER of Hallowell,  
KNEELAND of Easton, STEVENS of Orono, TESSIER of Fairfield.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
4 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

6 **1999-00 2000-01**

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

12 **Maine Economic Improvement Fund**

14 All Other \$10,000,000 \$10,000,000

16 Provides funds for the first  
18 biennium of a long-term  
20 funding strategy for the  
22 Maine Economic Improvement  
Fund, to be used to fund  
applied research and  
development at the University  
of Maine System.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill implements one of the recommendations of the Joint  
28 Select Committee on Research and Development. It appropriates  
30 funds to the Maine Economic Improvement Fund, administered by the  
32 University of Maine System Board of Trustees, to support applied  
research and development and product innovation in target areas  
within the University of Maine System.