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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 913, L.D. 2365, Bill, "An Act to Enhance Biomedical Research in Maine"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**\$13103.**" in subsection 4 in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 2, line 22 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "biomedical research" the following: 'in this State'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**\$13103.**" in subsection 6 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 3, line 41 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "that" the following: 'applies for program funds and'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**\$13103.**" in subsection 6 in paragraph C in the 5th line (page 3, line 44 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "research" the following: 'or is involved as a participating institution that has attracted a minimum of \$1,000,000 in biomedical research grant funding over the previous 2 years from federal or foundation sources either directly to that institution or in combination with other in-state or out-of-state institutions'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**\$13103.**" in subsection 8 in paragraph C in subparagraph (3) in the last line (page 4, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**\$13103.**" in subsection 8 in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraph (4) (page 4, line 38 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'(4) Evaluation data and assessment; and

(5) Information required to be submitted under a comprehensive research and development evaluation pursuant to section 13122-J.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~\$13103.~~" in subsection 9 in the first and 2nd lines (page 4, lines 40 and 41 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "routine technical" and inserting in its place the following: 'major substantive'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in the 6th line (page 5, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "amount" the following: ', not to exceed \$10,000,000 each year.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph B in the 8th line (page 5, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "1/3" the following: ', not to exceed \$10,000,000 each year.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Economic and
Community Development**

Positions - Legislative Count	(2,000)
Personal Services	\$71,823
All Other	20,000

Provides funds for one Program Manager position and one Clerk Typist III position and associated operational costs to administer the Maine Biomedical Research Program.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TOTAL**

\$91,823

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2001-02 will also be \$10,000,000, the level at which funding of the program is capped. The estimated increase in dedicated revenue to the Maine Biomedical Research Fund from the Fund for a Healthy Maine is \$10,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2000-01.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that program funds are intended to support biomedical research in the State; clarifies that the formula for the allocation of funds must guarantee a certain minimum allocation only to eligible institutions that have applied for program funds and includes in that group of eligible institutions those institutions that meet the minimum requirement of \$1,000,000 from federal or foundation sources by including funding that is received as a result of participation in biomedical research directly to that participating institution or in combination with other institutions; adds to the information required to be submitted by recipients of program funds any information required under a comprehensive research and development evaluation; caps funding of the program at \$10,000,000 per year; adds an appropriation section and allocation section; and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

This amendment will fund biomedical research activities conducted by private nonprofit laboratories. The State has already contributed to the expansion of biomedical research activities conducted by the University of Maine System. Cooperation between the University of Maine System and private nonprofit laboratories will be enhanced by the increased capacity of private nonprofit laboratories to conduct biomedical research. These biomedical research activities have the potential to affect diseases or conditions that are either caused by or related to tobacco use, such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, asthma, emphysema and stroke.