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H.P. 1714

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

Resolve, to Enhance Opportunities in Math and Science for Maine Students.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk. Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and Representatives: Speaker ROWE of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield.

	Sec. 1. Partnership to provide math and science teachers.
2	Resolved: That the University of Maine System, the University of
	Southern Maine, the Maine Medical Center and the Foundation for
4	Blood Research jointly shall develop a program to address the
_	shortage of math and science teachers in the State. The program
6	must provide education training to graduates with a math or
8	science undergraduate degree. The program must be located in a building to be built on the University of Southern Maine Campus
0	with the use of funds provided by the University of Maine System,
10	the Maine Medical Center and the Foundation for Blood Research;
0	and be it further
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	Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are
14	appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.
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18	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM,
20	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
22	Education and General Activities -
	University of Maine System
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26	All Other \$1,250,000
26	Provides funds to assist in the construction
28	of a building on the University of Southern
	Maine campus to house classrooms, an
30	auditorium, science library, student and
	teacher learning labs and computer science
32	training areas. In addition, the building
	would be used to provide laboratory space to
34	those schools that do not have laboratory
36	space within their facilities.
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	Sec. 3. Contingent effective date. Resolved: That this resolve
40	takes effect only if enough funding is pledged or provided from
	sources other than the University of Maine System, including the
42	Maine Medical Center and the Foundation for Blood Research, to
4.4	cover the projected costs of the construction of the building on
44	the campus of the University of Southern Maine.
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	SUMMARY
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	This resolve appropriates funding for approximately 1/4 of

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the costs of construction of a new building on the campus of the University of Southern Maine to house a new program, developed

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- jointly through a partnership between the University of Maine
 System, the University of Southern Maine, the Maine Medical
 Center and the Foundation for Blood Research, whose purpose is to
- 4 provide for training postgraduate students with math or science degrees in education; these students would be encouraged to enter
- the field of teaching, thus aiding in the amelioration of the shortage of math and science teachers in secondary education.
- 8 The funding and the development of the program are contingent on the provision of adequate funding from sources other than the
- 10 University of Maine System to cover the balance of the costs of constructing the new building.