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Resolve, to Make Community College Partnership Programs More Accessible and Affordable.

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.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York. Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin, MICHAUD of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, KNEELAND of Easton, SAXL of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield.

Preamble. Whereas, studies consistently show that the 2 economic prosperity of Maine citizens is tied directly to their level of education; and 4 Whereas, studies consistently show that Maine must graduate substantially more college students in order to compete in the 6 new economy; and 8 Whereas, Maine currently has one of the lowest college enrollment rates in the country, ranking 47th in the percentage 10 of citizens enrolled in higher education; and 12 Whereas, comprehensive surveys show that cost is the primary 14 barrier to college enrollment by Maine students and Maine adults; and 16 Whereas, the University of Maine System and Maine Technical College System have developed a partnership to provide community 18 college programs to help overcome this barrier; and 20 Whereas, this resolve makes courses offered under the community college partnership more accessible and affordable; 22 now, therefore, be it 24 Sec. 1. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are 26 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve. 28 2000-01 30 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE** 32 34 **Educational and General Activities - University of** 36 Maine System 38 All Other \$4,000,000 Provides funds to establish 40 an endowment the interest on 42 which must be dedicated to scholarships for students who 44 are enrolled in courses offered under the community college partnership and who 46 demonstrate the requisite need for financial assistance. 48 50

2	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM	
4	TOTAL	\$4,000,000
6	MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE	
8 10	Maine Technical College System - Board of Trustees	
12	All Other	\$1,000,000
14	Provides funds to establish an endowment the interest on	
16	which must be dedicated to scholarships for students who	
18	are enrolled in courses offered under the community	
20	college partnership and who demonstrate the requisite	
22	need for financial assistance.	
24	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM	
26	TOTAL	\$1,000,000
28	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$5,000,000
30	SUMMARY	<i><i><i>x</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i>,<i>y</i></i></i>
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This resolve establishes endowments for scholarships at the University of Maine System and Maine Technical College System. The interest from these endowments must be dedicated to scholarships for students who are enrolled in courses offered under the community college partnership and who demonstrate the requisite need for financial assistance.