

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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S.P. 280

In Senate, February 20, 2001

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### **An Act to Expand the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent Search Venture.**

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Reference to 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 KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Greenville and  
Senator CATHCART of Penobscot, Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DUNLAP of Old  
Town, GREEN of Monmouth, RINES of Wiscasset, 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  
6 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

6 **2001-02** **2002-03**

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

12 **Educational and General**  
14 **Activities - University of**  
16 **Maine System**

16 All Other \$97,500 \$97,500

18 Provides funds for the Maine  
20 Mathematics, Science and  
22 Engineering Talent Search, a  
24 joint venture between the  
26 University of Maine System  
28 and the Maine Mathematics and  
30 Science Alliance, to  
32 encourage and assist the  
34 development of  
36 problem-solving skills of all  
38 students in grades 6 to 12.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill provides funding to the University of Maine System  
34 to fund the Maine Mathematics, Science and Engineering Talent  
36 Search, a pilot project joint venture between the University of  
38 Maine System and the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. The  
40 venture is a correspondence program for children in grades 6 to  
42 12 to encourage and assist the development of problem-solving  
skills by mailing participating students problems 8 times per  
year, scoring the students' answers and recognizing the top  
scorer in each grade through awards and, for high school juniors  
and seniors, possible scholarships to the University of Maine  
System.