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No. 1325

H.P. 988

House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

An Act to Establish the Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton.
Cosponsored by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield,
Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, SCHNEIDER of Durham, Senators: President Pro
Tem BENNETT of Oxford, CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

2 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13122-L is enacted to read:

4 §13122-L. Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund

6 1. Fund established. The Maine Research and Development
8 Evaluation Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is
10 established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue fund
12 administered by the foundation for the purposes of funding the
14 comprehensive research and development evaluation required
pursuant to section 13122-J. Money deposited with the Treasurer
of State to the credit of the fund may be invested as provided by
law. Income from those investments must be credited to the fund.

16 2. Fund sources. The fund receives money deposited by the
18 Treasurer of State pursuant to this section and any other gift,
grant or other source of revenue deposited for that use.

20 3. Transfers to fund. Notwithstanding section 1585 or any
22 other provision of law, the State Budget Officer upon the
24 recommendation of the president is authorized to transfer General
Fund appropriations for research and development efforts to the
26 fund. The transfer and allotment of available funds may not
28 exceed 0.8% of the total research and development appropriations
30 identified by the president after consultation with affected
32 agencies and departments. The transfer must be implemented by
34 financial order contingent upon the recommendation of the State
Budget Officer and approval of the Governor and upon review by
the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. The
financial order must include a plan outlining how these funds
will be expended. The financial order takes effect upon approval
by the Governor. Total transfers made pursuant to this section
may not exceed \$120,000 in any fiscal year.

36 Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from
38 Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
42 MAINE SCIENCE AND		
44 TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION		
46 Maine Research and Development		
Evaluation Fund		
48 All Other	\$500	\$500
50 Provides a base allocation to		

2 establish the Maine Research
and Development Evaluation
4 Fund.

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8 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill establishes the Maine Research and Development
11 Evaluation Fund to support the research and development
12 evaluation efforts of the Maine Science and Technology
13 Foundation. It establishes the fund as a nonlapsing Other
14 Special Revenue fund and grants the State Budget Officer the
15 authority to transfer up to 0.8% of total General Fund
16 appropriations for research and development to the Maine Research
and Development Evaluation Fund. It also provides base Other
17 Special Revenue fund allocations to establish the fund for
18 budgetary purposes in fiscal year 2001-02 and fiscal year 2002-03.