

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1588

S.P. 501

In Senate, March 13, 2001

**An Act to Appropriate Funds for a Study to Determine the Feasibility of
a Medical School in Maine.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and
Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, EDMONDS of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec,
President MICHAUD of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot, SAWYER of Penobscot,
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the State has no medical school and it appears that
creation of such a school can help relieve the present shortage
of physicians and ensure an adequate future supply of physicians
8 and make conveniently available to the citizens of this State the
increasingly complex and effective facilities of a modern medical
10 school center; and

12 **Whereas,** the State must now rely on the generousities of its
sister states to educate Maine physicians; and

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16 **Whereas,** the funds must be made available as soon as
possible so that Medical Care Development, Inc. may be hired and
commence its study; and

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20 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
22 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

26 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
28 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

30 **2001-02**

32 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

34 **Health Science Education Program**

36 All Other \$75,000

38 Provides funds to hire Medical Care
40 Development, Inc. to conduct a feasibility
study of a medical school in the State.

42 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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46 **SUMMARY**

48 This bill appropriates money to the University of Maine
System to hire Medical Care Development, Inc. to conduct a
50 feasibility study of a medical school in the State.