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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 523, L.D. 1646, Bill, "An Act to Provide Statewide Access for Schools and Libraries to On-line Reference Materials and Periodicals"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Establish a Digital Library to Meet the Educational Research, Business and Economic Needs of Maine'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Transfer. Upon application from the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to the Public Utilities Commission, the commission shall order Verizon to transfer \$500,000 from the unexpended balance of the Maine School and Library Network project as of June 30, 2001 and \$500,000 as of June 30, 2002 to the University of Maine System no later than October 1, 2001 and August 1, 2002, respectively, to provide for the infrastructure needs to create a digital library that is accessible statewide.

Sec. 1. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

SENATE AMENDMENT

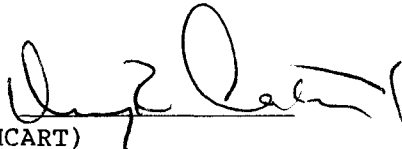
2 Provides an allocation for
4 the infrastructure needs
6 associated with a digital
8 library.'

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 The amendment removes the appropriation and replaces it with
12 an allocation to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine
14 System of \$500,000 and \$500,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and
16 2002-03, respectively. This activity is to be funded via
18 transfers from available revenue in the Maine School and Library
20 Network project.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment strikes the bill and instead provides that
22 upon application from the Board of Trustees of the University of
24 Maine System to the Public Utilities Commission, the commission
26 shall order Verizon to transfer \$500,000 from the unexpended
28 balance of the Maine School and Library Network project as of
30 June 30, 2001 and \$500,000 as of June 30, 2002 to the University
of Maine System no later than October 1, 2001 and August 1, 2002,
respectively, to provide for the infrastructure needs to create a
digital library that is accessible statewide.

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