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In Senate, February 4, 2003

**Resolve, Directing the President of Each University Campus To
Meet With Local Municipal Officers To Negotiate Reasonable and
Appropriate Financial Support for Municipal Services Provided**

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 KNEELAND of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative WOTTON of Littleton and
Senator: CARPENTER of York, Representatives: CHURCHILL of Washburn, SHERMAN of
Hodgdon.

2 **Sec. 1. President of each University of Maine campus directed to**
3 **meet with host municipalities. Resolved:** That the president of each
4 university in the University of Maine System shall arrange to
5 meet with the municipal officers of the host municipality of each
6 campus within that university, or the officers' designee, to
7 negotiate a reasonable and appropriate system of financial
8 support for municipal services directly provided to each campus.
9 The negotiations must, at a minimum, include the following
10 elements:

11 1. A reasonable calculation of the value of municipal
12 services directly provided each year to each campus within the
13 university, including: road maintenance, construction and other
14 transportation services; police, fire protection, emergency
15 rescue and other public safety services; solid waste collection,
16 disposal and recycling services; and any other municipal
17 services, benefits or resources provided directly to the campus,
18 excluding any utility-type services that are provided to the
19 campus and all other users according to a use-based fee or rate
20 schedule;

21 2. A reasonable calculation of all compensation provided by
22 the university to the host municipality of each campus for the
23 services considered in the calculation required under subsection
24 1, whether according to a traditional or historic financial
25 contribution, a formal or informal payment in lieu of taxes, or
26 otherwise; and

27 3. An agreement about the degree to which the university
28 should contribute financially to the host municipality of each
29 campus in compensation or partial compensation for the municipal
30 services that are directly provided to it. In the event the
31 parties to the negotiation are unable to reach an agreement with
32 respect to the university's appropriate contribution, the
33 respective position of each party to the negotiation must be
34 recorded; and be it further

35 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the president of each
36 university of the University of Maine System shall prepare a
37 report including all the calculations generated, agreements
38 reached or positions recorded pursuant to section 1 and shall
39 submit the report on or before January 1, 2004 to the Chancellor
40 of the University of Maine System and the Joint Standing
41 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs; and be it further

42 **Sec. 3. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved:** That the
43 Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may
44 report out to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature
45 legislation related to the University of Maine System's financial
46 contribution to the municipalities in which its campuses are
47 located for the purposes of providing compensation for municipal
48 services directly provided to the campuses.
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SUMMARY

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6 This resolve directs the president of each university within
the University of Maine System to meet with the municipal
officers of the host municipality of each respective university
8 campus to negotiate reasonable and appropriate financial support
for municipal services provided to each campus.