

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Promote Economic Growth through Entrepreneurship, the Creative Economy and Rural Economic Development**

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 MARTIN of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Allagash and  
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, FISCHER of Presque Isle, MILLS of Farmington,  
THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
3 allocations are made.

4 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

5 **Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to enhance activities in entrepreneurship education,  
7 leadership and community outreach; expand academic programs in multimedia software  
8 and technologies necessary to the support, production and management of the creative  
9 economy; and create a Center for Rural Sustainable Development to engage in research  
10 on issues important to those who live in rural areas.

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| 11 |                           |                  |                    |
| 12 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>       | <b>2007-08</b>   | <b>2008-09</b>     |
| 13 | All Other                 | \$700,000        | \$1,800,000        |
| 14 |                           |                  |                    |
| 15 | <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$700,000</b> | <b>\$1,800,000</b> |

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$700,000 in fiscal year  
18 2007-08 and \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 to the University of Maine System to  
19 enhance activities in entrepreneurship education, leadership and community outreach;  
20 expand academic programs in multimedia software and technologies necessary to the  
21 support, production and management of the creative economy; and create a Center for  
22 Rural Sustainable Development to engage in research on issues important to those who  
23 live in rural areas.