

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 6, 2007

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**Resolve, To Enhance the Education Opportunities for Maine's Early  
Childhood Workers**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
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Clerk

Presented by Representative SILSBY of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, MAKAS of Lewiston, PERCY of Phippsburg, PINGREE of North Haven, PRESCOTT of Topsham, Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, BROMLEY of Cumberland, COURTNEY of York.

1       **Sec. 1. Finance Authority of Maine to expand the Quality Child Care**  
 2 **Education Scholarship Fund. Resolved:** That the Finance Authority of Maine  
 3 shall adopt rules to include a nonmatriculated student as eligible for a grant under the  
 4 Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund established in the Maine Revised  
 5 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11670; and be it further

6       **Sec. 2. University of Maine System to develop degree program.**  
 7 **Resolved:** That the University of Maine System shall develop a degree program for  
 8 those seeking training for working with preschool children with special needs; and be it  
 9 further

10       **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
 11 appropriations and allocations are made.

12       **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

13       **Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund**

14 Initiative: Allocates funds to increase the number of scholarships available under the  
 15 Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund.

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17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
18	All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
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20	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

21       **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

22       **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

23	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
24		<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
25	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

26       **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

27       **Academic and Student Affairs**

28 Initiative: Allocates funds to develop a degree program for those seeking training for  
 29 working with preschool children with special needs.

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31	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
32	All Other	\$200,000	\$0
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34	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

35       **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

1	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
2	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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4	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
5	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
6	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
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8	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

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### SUMMARY

10 This resolve makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$125,000 per year to  
 11 increase the number of scholarships the Finance Authority of Maine awards under the  
 12 Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund and makes a one-time General Fund  
 13 appropriation to the University of Maine System to develop a degree program for those  
 14 seeking training for working with preschool children with special needs. This resolve  
 15 also directs the Finance Authority of Maine to adopt rules to make a nonmatriculated  
 16 student eligible for a grant under the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund.