

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1103**

S.P. 355

March 6, 2007

### **An Act To Ensure Funding for Higher Education**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial 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 SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor and  
Senator: MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: CAIN of Orono, EDGECOMB of Caribou,  
HARLOW of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville, PINGREE of North Haven, STRANG  
BURGESS of Cumberland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10910** is enacted to read:

3 **§10910. Funding**

4 No later than fiscal year 2014-15 and in every fiscal year thereafter, the percentage of  
5 funding for the university that is provided from General Fund appropriations must be at  
6 least 55%. Beginning in fiscal year 2009-10 and in each fiscal year until fiscal year 2014-  
7 15, the percentage of funding for the university that is provided from General Fund  
8 appropriations must increase toward the 55% level required in fiscal year 2014-15.

9 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12723** is enacted to read:

10 **§12723. Funding**

11 No later than fiscal year 2014-15 and in every fiscal year thereafter, the percentage of  
12 funding for the system that is provided from General Fund appropriations must be at least  
13 55%. Beginning in fiscal year 2009-10 and in each fiscal year until fiscal year 2014-15,  
14 the percentage of funding for the system that is provided from General Fund  
15 appropriations must increase toward the 55% level required in fiscal year 2014-15.

16 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
17 allocations are made.

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

19 **Educational and General Activities**

20 Initiative: Provides additional funding for a 5% total increase in funding in each year of  
21 the biennium.

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23 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
24 All Other	\$3,154,821	\$7,771,133
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26 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,154,821</b>	<b>\$7,771,133</b>

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill provides additional funding for the University of Maine System to provide a  
29 5% total increase in funding in each year of the biennium. It also provides that no later  
30 than fiscal year 2014-15 the percentage of funding for the University of Maine System  
31 and the Maine Community College System that is provided from General Fund  
32 appropriations must be at least 55%.