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**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Renovate
Classrooms, Laboratories and Other Essential Teaching and
Learning Facilities in the University of Maine System and the Maine
Community College System**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAIN of Orono.
Cosponsored by President MITCHELL of Kennebec and
Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MILLETT of Waterford, Speaker PINGREE of
North Haven, TARDY of Newport, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, RAYE of
Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

1 **Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in
2 accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the
3 issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this
4 Act,

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

6 **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the
7 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an
8 amount not exceeding \$95,510,000 for the purposes described in section 6 of this Act.
9 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for
10 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the
11 discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of
12 bonds may contain a call feature.

13 **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued kept by Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer
14 of State shall keep an account of each bond showing the number of the bond, the name of
15 the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and
16 the date when payable.

17 **Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State
18 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be
19 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the
20 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State
21 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set
22 forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project
23 in this Act lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

24 **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest
25 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment
26 of bonds at maturity.

27 **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The proceeds of the bonds must be
28 expended as set out in this Act under the direction and supervision of the University of
29 Maine System.

30 **Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.** The proceeds of the sale
31 of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following
32 schedule.

33 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

34		
35	Provides funds to renovate Holmes Hall at	\$4,325,000
36	the University of Maine.	
37		
38	Provides funds to renovate Coburn Hall at	\$4,230,000
39	the University of Maine.	

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2	Provides funds to renovate Nutting Hall at	\$4,000,000
3	the University of Maine.	
4		
5	Provides funds to renovate Shibles Hall at	\$3,000,000
6	the University of Maine.	
7		
8	Provides funds for fume hood and heat	\$1,500,000
9	recovery systems at the University of	
10	Maine.	
11		
12	Provides funds to renovate Bailey Hall at	\$5,400,000
13	the University of Southern Maine.	
14		
15	Provides funds to renovate Luther Bonney	\$1,400,000
16	Hall at the University of Southern Maine.	
17		
18	Provides funds to renovate the University	\$1,400,000
19	of Maine School of Law building at the	
20	University of Southern Maine.	
21		
22	Provides funds for the Gorham	\$3,000,000
23	cogeneration project at the University of	
24	Southern Maine.	
25		
26	Provides funds for Lincoln Hall and the	\$3,000,000
27	UCB Dental Clinic upgrade at the	
28	University of Maine at Augusta.	
29		
30	Provides funds to renovate Eastport Hall at	\$350,000
31	the University of Maine at Augusta.	
32		
33	Provides funds to renovate Belfast Hall at	\$1,500,000
34	the University of Maine at Augusta.	
35		
36	Provides funds for Folsom-Pullen phase II	\$3,510,000
37	renovations at the University of Maine at	
38	Presque Isle.	
39		
40	Provides funds to renovate the library at the	\$1,800,000
41	University of Maine at Presque Isle.	
42		

1	Provides funds to renovate Normal Hall at	\$1,550,000
2	the University of Maine at Presque Isle.	
3		
4	Provides funds for campus utility upgrades	\$990,000
5	at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.	
6		
7	Provides funds for Preble-Ricker phase II	\$3,000,000
8	renovations at the University of Maine at	
9	Farmington.	
10		
11	Provides funds for energy upgrades at the	\$1,000,000
12	University of Maine at Farmington.	
13		
14	Provides funds to renovate Cyr Hall at the	\$2,400,000
15	University of Maine at Fort Kent.	
16		
17	Provides funds for the energy management	\$250,000
18	system at the University of Maine at Fort	
19	Kent.	
20		
21	Provides funds to renovate the Science	\$3,000,000
22	Building at the University of Maine at	
23	Machias.	
24		
25	Provides funds for information technology	\$8,500,000
26	infrastructure upgrades at the University of	
27	Maine System.	
28		
29	Provides allied health laboratory upgrades	\$895,000
30	at the University of Maine System.	
31		
32	MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
33	SYSTEM	
34		
35	Provides funds for energy efficiency	\$4,611,000
36	projects, security upgrades, roofing, paving	
37	and asbestos removal and classroom	
38	materials at Central Maine Community	
39	College in Auburn.	
40		

1	Provides funds for energy efficiency	\$4,747,000
2	projects, construction repairs such as	
3	heating plants, heating, ventilation and air-	
4	conditioning improvements and classroom	
5	equipment at Eastern Maine Community	
6	College in Bangor.	
7		
8	Provides funds for energy efficiency	\$4,746,000
9	projects including window replacements,	
10	heating, ventilation and air-conditioning	
11	improvements, security upgrades, paving	
12	and classroom equipment at Kennebec	
13	Valley Community College in Fairfield.	
14		
15	Provides funds for energy efficiency	\$4,370,000
16	projects including window and door	
17	upgrades, heating, ventilation and air-	
18	conditioning improvements, security	
19	upgrades, paving and classroom equipment	
20	at Northern Maine Community College in	
21	Presque Isle.	
22		
23	Provides funds for energy efficiency	\$7,255,000
24	projects including window replacements,	
25	heating, ventilation and air-conditioning	
26	upgrades, repair projects such as windows,	
27	roofs, masonry repair and classroom	
28	materials at Southern Maine Community	
29	College in South Portland.	
30		
31	Provides funds for energy efficiency	\$2,781,000
32	projects including window and door	
33	replacement, lighting upgrades, heating,	
34	ventilation and air-conditioning upgrades,	
35	paving, construction repairs and classroom	
36	equipment at Washington County	
37	Community College in Calais.	
38		

1	Provides funds for construction of a School	\$5,000,000
2	of Tourism and Hospitality and energy	
3	efficiency projects including window	
4	replacement and heating, ventilation and	
5	air-conditioning upgrades and electronic	
6	controls at York County Community	
7	College in Wells.	
8		
9	TOTAL	\$93,510,000

10 **Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 6 do not
11 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set
12 forth in this Act.

13 **Sec. 8. Appropriation balances at year-end.** At the end of each fiscal year, all
14 unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond
15 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the
16 bonds lapse to General Fund debt service.

17 **Sec. 9. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued,
18 or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of this
19 Act, are deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature may, within 2
20 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any
21 remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not
22 to exceed 5 years.

23 **Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of**
24 **question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at
25 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The
26 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns
27 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election,
28 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

29 "Do you favor a \$93,510,000 bond issue to modernize and improve the
30 teaching laboratories, libraries and general classrooms and perform
31 energy efficiency upgrades and repairs in the University of Maine
32 System and the Maine Community College System?"

33 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question
34 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square
35 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and
36 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of
37 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall
38 review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the
39 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days
40 after the date of the proclamation.

1 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
2 ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this
3 referendum.

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SUMMARY

5 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$93,510,000, will be used to
6 modernize and improve the teaching laboratories, libraries and general classrooms and
7 perform energy efficiency upgrades and repairs in the University of Maine System and
8 Maine Community College System.