

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1291

S.P. 528

In Senate, March 23, 2023

An Act to Establish a Grant Program to Provide for Statewide and Equitable Access to Experiential Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland and
Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln,
Representative: DODGE of Belfast.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §15312** is enacted to read:

3 **§15312. Grants for statewide science, technology, engineering and math programs**

4 **1. Grant purposes.** The institute may award a grant through a competitive process to
5 an organization or school based in this State that demonstrates that the organization or
6 school is going to use the funds for a statewide experiential program for high school
7 students in science, technology, engineering and math and that:

8 A. Maintains a formal affiliation with a national program to provide opportunities for
9 students to present Maine-based research to a national audience and facilitates
10 participation in the national program by students who meet qualification standards, at
11 no cost to the students;

12 B. Demonstrates a plan to broaden participation in student-led experiential science and
13 engineering projects by creating professional development opportunities for educators
14 and learning opportunities for students who have not historically participated in
15 student-led experiential science and engineering projects;

16 C. Maintains a formal partnership with the University of Maine System to provide high
17 school students increased access to college-level courses and consideration for
18 scholarship opportunities;

19 D. Implements strategies for sustaining and growing engagement with science,
20 technology, engineering and math at participating high schools; and

21 E. Demonstrates efforts to make student-led experiential science and engineering
22 projects accessible to an increasingly diverse student population, including individuals
23 typically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and math professions.

24 **2. Grant requirements.** An organization or school that receives a grant under this
25 section shall:

26 A. Provide matching funds in the amount of the grant to be used for the same purpose
27 for which the grant was awarded; and

28 B. Deliver to the institute a report on the use of the grant money, including measurable
29 outcomes.

30 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
31 allocations are made.

32 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**
33 **Office of Innovation 0995**

34 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine Technology Institute to award grants to an
35 organization or school for certain activities related to statewide science, technology,
36 engineering and math programs.

37 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
38 All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
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40 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

SUMMARY

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This bill directs the Maine Technology Institute to provide grants to organizations or schools that engage in certain activity related to statewide science, technology, engineering and math programs.