

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 827

In Senate, December 5, 2025

An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and Clarify Sending School Administrative Unit Obligations

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and

Senators: BERNARD of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York,
STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, FROST of Belgrade,
GERE of Kennebunkport.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5805, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Maine School of Science and Mathematics. A sending unit that does not operate or contract with a secondary school shall pay the cost of attendance, including room and board, for a student in that sending unit to attend the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. The maximum allowable cost of attendance at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics is the actual room and board rate determined by the Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics or the state average per public secondary student cost as adjusted, whichever is lower, multiplied by the local contribution percentage of the essential programs and services amounts, as determined by the most recent report of the Department of Education, for that sending unit. The school board of the sending unit may vote to pay a higher cost of attendance rate.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to support administrative operations.

| GENERAL FUND | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| All Other | \$0 | \$400,000 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$400,000</u> |

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to allow the administration to give financial support to in-state students who demonstrate a financial need related to paying room and board expenses.

| GENERAL FUND | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| All Other | \$0 | \$250,000 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$250,000</u> |

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for infrastructure upgrades to the school's dormitory.

| GENERAL FUND | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| All Other | \$0 | \$405,000 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$405,000</u> |

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| 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
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| 1 | GENERAL FUND | \$0 | \$1,055,000 |
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| 3 | DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$0 | \$1,055,000 |

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This bill requires a sending school administrative unit that does not operate or contract
6 with a secondary school to pay the cost of attending the Maine School of Science and
7 Mathematics for students from the unit and specifies that the cost of attending the Maine
8 School of Science and Mathematics includes room and board. The bill also provides
9 funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to support administrative
10 operations, to support in-state students' room and board expenses and for infrastructure
11 upgrades to the school's dormitory.