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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAPTER 54

H.P. 1298 - L.D. 1841

An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Education Research Institute

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

Sec. 1. Education Research Institute. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10, the Education Research Institute shall continue to develop and maintain an education research system that tracks important education policy issues for the Legislature pertaining to kindergarten and grades one through 12.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools		
All Other	(\$37,500)	(\$37,500)
Deappropriates funds previously appropriated in Public Law 1997, chapter 24.		
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TOTAL	(\$37,500)	(\$37,500)
LEGISLATURE		
Education Research Institute		
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
Provides funds to the Education Research Institute for continued development of the kindergarten to grade 12 education data base and for the conduct of targeted education research.		
LEGISLATURE TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		

**Education and General
Activities - UMS**

All Other	(\$37,500)	(\$37,500)
Deappropriates funds previously appropriated in Public Law 1997, chapter 24.		

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF
MAINE SYSTEM
TOTAL**

	(\$37,500)	(\$37,500)
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**SECTION 2
TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

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See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 55

S.P. 633 - L.D. 1850

**An Act to Allow the Town of Chester
to Annex a Certain Parcel of Land**

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Sec. 1. Part of Township 2, Range 8; annexation to Chester. The following lot or parcel of land bounded and described as follows and situated adjacent to the Town of Chester in the County of Penobscot is annexed to the Town of Chester:

Beginning at a point on the southwest corner of the Town of Chester on the Penobscot River and the southeast corner of T.2, R.8, N.W.P.; thence northerly along the west line of the Town of Chester and the east line of T.2, R.8, N.W.P. to the northwest corner of the Town of Chester and the northeast corner of T.2, R.8, N.W.P.; thence westerly along the northerly line of T.2, R.8, N.W.P. one mile more or less to the easterly sideline of the Interstate 95 right-of-way; thence southerly along the easterly sideline of the Interstate 95 right-of-way to the point of intersection with the southerly line of T.2, R.8, N.W.P. and the northerly line of Mattamiscontiss Township; thence easterly along the southerly line of T.2, R.8, N.W.P.

approximately 3.5 miles to the point of commencement.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 56

H.P. 1299 - L.D. 1842

An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$56,850,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Municipal and State Roads, State and Local Bridges, Airports, State Ferry Vessels and Terminals and Rail and Marine Facilities

Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds to match available federal funds for improvements to municipal and state roads, state and local bridges, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals and rail and marine facilities.

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

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for improvements to municipal and state roads, state and local bridges, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals and rail and marine facilities. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$56,850,000 to provide funds to match available federal funds for improvements to municipal and state roads, state and local bridges, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals and rail and marine facilities as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 20 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.

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

Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but

no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in section 6 lapse to the debt service account established for the retirement of these bonds.

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

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of the bonds must be expended as set out in section 6 under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Transportation.

Sec. 6. Allocations from Highway Fund and General Fund bond issues; improvements to municipal and state roads, state and local bridges, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals and rail and marine facilities. The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Fund

State and local bridges	\$23,800,000
Airport improvements	1,500,000
Ferry vessels and terminal improvements	710,000
Rail facility improvements	3,350,000
Marine and harbor facility improvements	1,440,000

General Fund Total \$30,800,000

Highway Fund

Collector roads and bridges	\$3,000,000
Highway and bridge improvements and collector road award program	9,550,000
Local road assistance program	13,500,000

Highway Fund Total \$26,050,000

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

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