**An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System**

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

**Sec.** **1.** **Labor and community education center.** The University of Maine System shall establish the Dr. Charles A. Scontras Labor Center, referred to in this Act as "the center," a labor and community education center, at the University of Southern Maine. The center must focus on providing lifelong community-based labor education, research and outreach and must offer workshops, symposia, skills-based learning and opportunities to conduct applied research. The center must work collaboratively with the President of the University of Southern Maine to integrate university curricula and faculty into education offered by the center. In establishing the center, the University of Maine System shall designate the credentials provided by the center, including, but not limited to, professional certifications and continuing education units.

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

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

**Bureau of Labor Education N943**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to expand the capacity for applied research, ongoing labor history and customized educational programs for the organized and unorganized labor force in the State.

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| **GENERAL FUND** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| All Other | $0 | $200,000 |
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| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | $0 | $200,000 |

**Labor and Community Education Center N942**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to establish and maintain a labor and community education center at the University of Southern Maine to provide labor education and outreach.

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| **GENERAL FUND** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| All Other | $0 | $500,000 |
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| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | $0 | $500,000 |

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| **DEPARTMENT TOTALS** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
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| **GENERAL FUND** | **$0** | **$700,000** |
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| **DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS** | **$0** | **$700,000** |

**SUMMARY**

This bill directs the University of Maine System to establish a labor and community education center at the University of Southern Maine focused on providing lifelong community-based labor education, research and outreach. The bill provides ongoing funds to establish the center. The bill also provides additional ongoing funds to the Bureau of Labor Education at the University of Maine.