



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2025

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S.P. 617

In Senate, April 8, 2025

**An Act to Ensure the Retention of R1 Research Institution Status by  
the University of Maine**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and  
Senator: RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, ROEDER of  
Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
3 allocations are made.

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

5 **Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to employ, as research assistants or teaching assistants,  
7 25 graduate students per year in research graduate programs, until each student completes  
8 the student's program.

9	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
10	All Other	\$2,686,441	\$5,372,883
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12	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,686,441</u>	<u>\$5,372,883</u>

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**SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides ongoing funds to support an additional 25 graduate students per year  
15 in research graduate programs until each student completes the student's program.