

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 68 - L.D. 129

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

Sec. 1. Allopathic medical school feasibility study. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall study and analyze the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County. In conducting the study, the University of Maine System shall examine and make recommendations regarding:

1. State and national current and future physician workforce supply and distribution data including primary and specialty care fields;
2. Innovative allopathic medical school models, especially those that include partnerships between public universities and nonprofit health care systems;
3. Allopathic medical school enrollment projections;
4. Program content and accreditation standards;
5. Required resources including personnel, classrooms, research and clinical laboratories and equipment, student housing and operating expenses;
6. Capacity in the State to support residency training;
7. Costs associated with establishing and operating a public allopathic medical school and funding models that include state appropriations and tuition revenue;
8. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System policies for creating new programs;
9. The impact of establishing an allopathic medical school on existing education and health-related training programs in the State;
10. Programs to retain graduates to pursue careers in the State, especially in rural primary and specialty care with a focus on underserved areas and populations;
11. Other programs and partnerships to address current and projected needs of a physician workforce; and
12. Opportunities to strengthen health and medical research activities to enhance the health and well-being of residents of the State.

Sec. 2. Coordination; testimony. Resolved: That in conducting the study under section 1, the University of Maine System shall coordinate with a tertiary care hospital medical education program located in Penobscot County and shall solicit the testimony, advice or participation of representatives of the following organizations:

1. The Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of Labor;
2. The Department of Health and Human Services;
3. The State Board of Education;
4. The Veterans Affairs Maine Healthcare System;
5. Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness;
6. A statewide association representing Maine hospitals;
7. A statewide association representing Maine physicians;
8. A statewide association representing Maine primary care providers;
9. A medical center in the State with an education and training partnership with a medical school located outside of the State;
10. A nonprofit community health care network that includes federally qualified health centers; and
11. An osteopathic medical school based in the State.

Sec. 3. Funding. Resolved: That the University of Maine System may apply for and receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to carry out the study as provided in this resolve. The University of Maine System shall disclose their sources of funding as part of the report required in section 4. The University of Maine System is not required under this resolve to undertake work for which it does not have or has not received sufficient funding.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by November 6, 2025, the University of Maine System shall submit a report that includes but is not limited to recommended legislation and appropriations requests based on its study and analysis in sections 1 and 2 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to contract with vendors for the data and analysis required to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$75,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0

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