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An Act To Increase Transparency of Administration Costs within the University of Maine System

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1664, sub-§3-C is enacted to read:

3-C. University of Maine System appropriations and allocations. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, appropriations and allocations for the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System must be segregated in the budget document and the budget bills in accordance with this subsection.

A. One line item must reflect those amounts that are appropriated to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to be allocated to the individual campuses of the University of Maine System.

B. One line item must reflect those amounts that are appropriated to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System for administration costs.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to enhance transparency in funding the University of Maine System. This bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, appropriations and allocations in the budget document and the budget bills for the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System must be separated into 2 separate line items: one reflecting those amounts to be allocated to the individual campuses of the University of Maine System and one reflecting those amounts to be used by the University of Maine System for administration costs.