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An Act To Stabilize the Faculty and Programs at the University of Southern Maine

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, due to a decrease in student enrollment and other factors, the University of Southern Maine has cut programs and reduced the size of its faculty; and

Whereas, this legislation is needed as soon as possible to reverse this trend and prevent permanent damage to the University of Southern Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. 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 the University of Southern Maine to develop a recruitment and marketing program to stabilize enrollment.

| GENERAL FUND | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| All Other | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | \$0 |

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill provides one-time funds of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the University of Southern Maine to develop a recruitment and marketing program to stabilize enrollment.