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S.P. 36

In Senate, January 20, 2015

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

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MORRISON of South Portland and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland,
Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, FARNSWORTH of Portland, JORGENSEN of
Portland, STUCKEY of Portland.

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

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

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

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

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

12 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

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

16 Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the University of Southern Maine to develop a
17 recruitment and marketing program to stabilize enrollment.

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19	GENERAL FUND	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
20	All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

25 **SUMMARY**

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