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In Senate, March 30, 2023

An Act to Increase Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and
Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock, RAFFERTY of York,
STEWART of Aroostook, Representative: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 486, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Tuition; room and board; funding.** Students from this State may attend the school
5 free of tuition charges and free of the cost of room and board. Additional funding for
6 students from this State may be provided within amounts appropriated for that purpose as
7 follows.

8 A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of
9 attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and
10 other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose.
11 To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must have resided in
12 Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately
13 preceding application to the school.

14 B. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, ~~effective July 1, 1996 and to the~~
15 ~~extent funds are not appropriated for this purpose~~, the student or the student's parent or
16 guardian shall pay to the school the cost of room and board for the school year. In the
17 case of financial need, the State shall pay to the school the difference between the cost
18 of room and board and the student's or the student's family's ability to pay that cost.
19 The board of trustees shall adopt rules governing the determination of financial need
20 and the cost and schedule of payment of room and board under this paragraph. The
21 determination of financial need must be based on a nationally recognized public or
22 private school financial needs assessment system. A student may use scholarship funds
23 in place of payment for all or part of the cost of room and board and any other fees or
24 expenses incurred as a result of that student's enrollment at the school.

25 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
26 allocations are made.

27 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

28 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

29 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to
30 support a 10% increase in wages for employees.

31 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
32 All Other	\$485,375	\$485,375
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34 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$485,375</u>	<u>\$485,375</u>

35 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

36 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to
37 reinstate critical positions in the areas of student support, instruction, admissions and
38 operations eliminated due to budget constraints.

39 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
40 All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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42 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

