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House of Representatives, March 10, 2015

**An Act To Ensure That Funding to the University of Maine System
Is Used Efficiently**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FARNSWORTH of Portland,
HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, McCLELLAN of Raymond, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of
Augusta, STEARNS of Guilford, Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10910** is enacted to read:

3 **§10910. Funds for classroom instruction**

4 The university shall expend the following percentages of its total expenditures in
5 each fiscal year on classroom instruction:

6 **1. Fiscal year 2015-16.** Not less than 30% in fiscal year 2015-16;

7 **2. Fiscal year 2016-17.** Not less than 35% in fiscal year 2016-17; and

8 **3. Fiscal year 2017-18.** Not less than 40% in fiscal year 2017-18 and in each fiscal
9 year thereafter.

10 For purposes of this section, "classroom instruction" means faculty salaries,
11 classroom technology and supplies directly related to student learning in the classroom.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires that the University of Maine System allocate a certain percentage of
14 its annual funding to faculty salaries, classroom technology and supplies directly related
15 to student learning in the classroom.