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In Senate, March 17, 2015

**An Act To Increase Transparency in the University of Maine System
Regarding Procurement and Administrative Costs**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: BUCKLAND of
Farmington, HARLOW of Portland.

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

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

3 **3-C. University of Maine System appropriations and allocations.** Beginning in
4 fiscal year 2016-17, appropriations and allocations for the Board of Trustees of the
5 University of Maine System must be segregated in the budget document and the budget
6 bills in accordance with this subsection.

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

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

12 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1812, 2nd ¶,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §67, is
13 further amended to read:

14 The Trustees of the University of Maine System may authorize the Department of
15 Administrative and Financial Services to act for them in any purchases. If the
16 Department of Administrative and Financial Services purchases for the University of
17 Maine System under this section, the department shall comply with Title 20-A, section
18 10910.

19 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §10910** is enacted to read:

20 **§10910. Competitive bidding**

21 If the university purchases products or services through competitive bidding as
22 defined in Title 5, section 1825-A, subsection 3 in an amount of \$10,000 or more, the
23 university shall post the terms and conditions of the invitation for bid proposals on a
24 publicly accessible website.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 The purpose of this bill is to enhance transparency in funding the University of Maine
27 System. This bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2016-17, appropriations and
28 allocations in the state budget document and the budget bills for the Board of Trustees of
29 the University of Maine System must be separated into 2 separate line items: one
30 reflecting those amounts to be allocated to the individual campuses of the University of
31 Maine System and one reflecting those amounts to be used by the University of Maine
32 System for administrative costs. This bill also requires that the terms and conditions of
33 invitations for bid proposals by the University of Maine System for purchases of \$10,000
34 or more be posted on a publicly accessible website.