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# Resolve, To Enhance the Education Opportunities for Maine's Early Childhood Workers

Sec. 1 Finance Authority of Maine to expand the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund. Resolved: That the Finance Authority of Maine shall adopt rules to include a nonmatriculated student as eligible for a grant under the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11670; and be it further

- Sec. 2 University of Maine System to develop degree program. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall develop a degree program for those seeking training for working with preschool children with special needs; and be it further
- **Sec. 3 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

#### FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

### **Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund**

Initiative: Allocates funds to increase the number of scholarships available under the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund.

GENERAL FUND All Other	<b>2007-08</b> \$125,000	<b>2008-09</b> \$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000
FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS GENERAL FUND	2007-08 \$125,000	2008-09 \$125,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$125,000	\$125,000

#### UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

#### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Initiative: Allocates funds to develop a degree program for those seeking training for working with preschool children with special needs.

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GENERAL FUND All Other	<b>2007-08</b> \$200,000	<b>2008-09</b> \$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM DEPARTMENT TOTALS GENERAL FUND	2007-08 \$200,000	2008-09 \$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$200,000	\$0
SECTION TOTALS GENERAL FUND	2007-08 \$325,000	2008-09 \$125,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$325,000	\$125,000

## **SUMMARY**

This resolve makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$125,000 per year to increase the number of scholarships the Finance Authority of Maine awards under the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund and makes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the University of Maine System to develop a degree program for those seeking training for working with preschool children with special needs. This resolve also directs the Finance Authority of Maine to adopt rules to make a nonmatriculated student eligible for a grant under the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund.