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## **An Act To Increase Funding for Higher Education**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §10009** is enacted to read:

### **§ 10009. State contribution to funding total operating costs**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State shall contribute 55% of the total operating costs of Maine Maritime Academy by fiscal year 2011-12.

**1. Transition; annual targets.** To achieve the level of funding for Maine Maritime Academy required by this section, annual targets are established as set out in this subsection.

- A. For fiscal year 2009-10, the target is 45%.
- B. For fiscal year 2010-11, the target is 50%.
- C. For fiscal year 2011-12 and succeeding years, the target is 55%.

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

### **§ 10910. State contribution to funding total operating costs**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State shall contribute 55% of the total operating costs of the university by fiscal year 2011-12.

**1. Transition; annual targets.** To achieve the level of funding for the university required by this section, annual targets are established as set out in this subsection.

- A. For fiscal year 2009-10, the target is 45%.
- B. For fiscal year 2010-11, the target is 50%.
- C. For fiscal year 2011-12 and succeeding years, the target is 55%.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRS §12723** is enacted to read:

### **§ 12723. State contribution to funding total operating costs**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State shall contribute 55% of the total operating costs of the system by fiscal year 2011-12.

**1. Transition; annual targets.** To achieve the level of funding for the system required by this section, annual targets are established as set out in this subsection.

- A. For fiscal year 2009-10, the target is 45%.
- B. For fiscal year 2010-11, the target is 50%.
- C. For fiscal year 2011-12 and succeeding years, the target is 55%.

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Increases funding to the Maine Community College System in order for the percentage contributed by the State to be equal to 45% of the system's operating costs in fiscal year 2009-10 and 50% in fiscal year 2010-11.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$4,498,270	\$13,599,396
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,498,270	\$13,599,396

<b>COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$4,498,270</b>	<b>\$13,599,396</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,498,270</b>	<b>\$13,599,396</b>

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY**

**Maritime Academy - Operations 0035**

Initiative: Increases funding to Maine Maritime Academy in order for the percentage contributed by the State to be equal to 45% of the academy's operating costs in fiscal year 2009-10 and 50% in fiscal year 2010-11.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$4,018,894	\$6,123,794
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,018,894	\$6,123,794

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY  
 DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$4,018,894</b>	<b>\$6,123,794</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,018,894</b>	<b>\$6,123,794</b>

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

**Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

Initiative: Increases funding to the University of Maine System in order for the percentage contributed by the State to be equal to 45% of the system's operating costs in fiscal year 2009-10 and 50% in fiscal year 2010-11.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
All Other	\$45,464,494	\$85,064,494
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<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,464,494</b>	<b>\$85,064,494</b>

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF  
 TRUSTEES OF THE  
 DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$45,464,494</b>	<b>\$85,064,494</b>
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<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$45,464,494</b>	<b>\$85,064,494</b>

<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$53,981,658</b>	<b>\$104,787,684</b>
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<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$53,981,658</b>	<b>\$104,787,684</b>

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the State to contribute 55% of the total operating costs of the State's public higher educational institutions by fiscal year 2011-12 and provides funding to Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System in order for the percentage

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contributed by the State to be equal to 45% of the operating costs in fiscal year 2009-10 and 50% in fiscal year 2010-11.