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An Act To Clarify Expenditures Regarding Androscoggin County

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 2015. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, LAJOIE of Lewiston, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** in Public Law 2015, chapter 267, the so-called biennial budget, the
4 education funding formula law was amended to require the Commissioner of Education
5 to disburse \$75,000 over each of the fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 for postsecondary
6 education attainment in Androscoggin County; and

7 **Whereas,** the intent of the Legislature, as stated in the budget's summary, was to
8 provide this funding to College for ME - Androscoggin as had been done in fiscal year
9 2013-14; and

10 **Whereas,** the Commissioner of Education has not disbursed the funds since the
11 intended recipient was not specifically named; and

12 **Whereas,** this legislation provides clarity by specifically naming College for ME -
13 Androscoggin as the recipient of funding to allow for the disbursement of funds before
14 the end of this fiscal year; and

15 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
16 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
17 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
18 therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§24,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. C,
21 §14, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 2. Payment of funds in fiscal year 2015-16 to College for ME -**
23 **Androscoggin.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall
24 pay \$75,000 to College for ME - Androscoggin no later than June 30, 2016 from funds
25 appropriated to the All Other line category in the Department of Education, General
26 Purpose Aid for Local Schools Program General Fund account in fiscal year 2015-16 to
27 support individuals aspiring to attend college and support postsecondary degree
28 attainment initiatives in Androscoggin County.

29 **Sec. 3. Payment of funds in fiscal year 2016-17 to College for ME -**
30 **Androscoggin.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall
31 pay \$75,000 to College for ME - Androscoggin no later than June 30, 2017 from funds
32 appropriated to the All Other line category in the Department of Education, General
33 Purpose Aid for Local Schools Program General Fund account in fiscal year 2016-17 to
34 support individuals aspiring to attend college and support postsecondary degree initiatives
35 in Androscoggin County.

36 **Sec. 4. Retroactivity.** That section of this Act that repeals the Maine Revised
37 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 24 applies retroactively to June 30,
38 2015.

