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An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DUNPHY of Old Town,
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland,
CARNEY of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Labor and community education center.** The University of Maine
3 System shall establish the Dr. Charles A. Scontras Labor Center, referred to in this Act as
4 "the center," a labor and community education center, at the University of Southern Maine.
5 The center must focus on providing lifelong community-based labor education, research
6 and outreach and must offer workshops, symposia, skills-based learning and opportunities
7 to conduct applied research. The center must work collaboratively with the President of
8 the University of Southern Maine to integrate university curricula and faculty into
9 education offered by the center. In establishing the center, the University of Maine System
10 shall designate the credentials provided by the center, including, but not limited to,
11 professional certifications and continuing education units.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

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

15 **Bureau of Labor Education N943**

16 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to expand the capacity for applied research, ongoing
17 labor history and customized educational programs for the organized and unorganized labor
18 force in the State.

19 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
20 All Other	\$0	\$200,000
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22 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

23 **Labor and Community Education Center N942**

24 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to establish and maintain a labor and community
25 education center at the University of Southern Maine to provide labor education and
26 outreach.

27 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
28 All Other	\$0	\$500,000
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30 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

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32 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF**
33 **TRUSTEES OF THE**
34 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

35	2021-22	2022-23
36 GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$700,000
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38 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$700,000</u>

39 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill directs the University of Maine System to establish a labor and community
41 education center at the University of Southern Maine focused on providing lifelong

1 community-based labor education, research and outreach. The bill provides ongoing funds
2 to establish the center. The bill also provides additional ongoing funds to the Bureau of
3 Labor Education at the University of Maine.