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In Senate, February 19, 2013

**An Act To Ensure Equity in Funding to State Postsecondary
Institutions of Higher Learning**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator THOMAS of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville and
Senators: BURNS of Washington, COLLINS of York, LANGLEY of Hancock, SHERMAN of
Aroostook, Representatives: COTTA of China, NADEAU of Fort Kent.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1036, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 663, §12, is
3 further amended to read:

4 F. Two percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to the
5 University of Maine System Scholarship Fund created in Title 20-A, section 10909;
6 and to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to be applied by the
7 board of trustees to fund its scholarship program. The slot machine income under
8 this paragraph must be distributed as follows:

9 (1) The University of Maine System share is the total amount of the distribution
10 multiplied by the ratio of enrolled students in the system to the total number of
11 enrolled students both in the system and at the Maine Maritime Academy; and

12 (2) The Maine Maritime Academy share is the total amount of the distribution
13 multiplied by the ratio of enrolled students at the academy to the total number of
14 enrolled students both in the system and at the academy;

15 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1036, sub-§2-A, ¶B**, as enacted by IB 2009, c. 2, §45, is
16 further amended to read:

17 B. Four percent of the net slot machine income must be forwarded by the board to
18 the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund created in Title 20-A, section
19 10909; and to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to be applied
20 by the board of trustees to fund its scholarship program. The slot machine income
21 under this paragraph must be distributed as follows:

22 (1) The University of Maine System share is the total amount of the distribution
23 multiplied by the ratio of enrolled students in the system to the total number of
24 enrolled students both in the system and at the Maine Maritime Academy; and

25 (2) The Maine Maritime Academy share is the total amount of the distribution
26 multiplied by the ratio of enrolled students at the academy to the total number of
27 enrolled students both in the system and at the academy;

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to forward
30 revenue from slot machines operated by a casino operator and by a slot machine operator
31 to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to help fund its scholarships
32 program.