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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 68, L.D. 129, “Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County”

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Allopathic medical school feasibility study. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall study and analyze the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County. In conducting the study, the University of Maine System shall examine and make recommendations regarding:

1. State and national current and future physician workforce supply and distribution data including primary and specialty care fields;
2. Innovative allopathic medical school models, especially those that include partnerships between public universities and nonprofit health care systems;
3. Allopathic medical school enrollment projections;
4. Program content and accreditation standards;
5. Required resources including personnel, classrooms, research and clinical laboratories and equipment, student housing and operating expenses;
6. Capacity in the State to support residency training;
7. Costs associated with establishing and operating a public allopathic medical school and funding models that include state appropriations and tuition revenue;
8. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System policies for creating new programs;
9. The impact of establishing an allopathic medical school on existing education and health-related training programs in the State;
10. Programs to retain graduates to pursue careers in the State, especially in rural primary and specialty care with a focus on underserved areas and populations;

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1 11. Other programs and partnerships to address current and projected needs of a
2 physician workforce; and

3 12. Opportunities to strengthen health and medical research activities to enhance the
4 health and well-being of residents of the State.

5 **Sec. 2. Coordination; testimony. Resolved:** That in conducting the study under
6 section 1, the University of Maine System shall coordinate with a tertiary care hospital
7 medical education program located in Penobscot County and shall solicit the testimony,
8 advice or participation of representatives of the following organizations:

9 1. The Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of
10 Labor;

11 2. The Department of Health and Human Services;

12 3. The State Board of Education;

13 4. The Veterans Affairs Maine Healthcare System;

14 5. Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness;

15 6. A statewide association representing Maine hospitals;

16 7. A statewide association representing Maine physicians;

17 8. A statewide association representing Maine primary care providers;

18 9. A medical center in the State with an education and training partnership with a
19 medical school located outside of the State;

20 10. A nonprofit community health care network that includes federally qualified health
21 centers; and

22 11. An osteopathic medical school based in the State.

23 **Sec. 3. Funding. Resolved:** That the University of Maine System may apply for
24 and receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to carry out the
25 study as provided in this resolve. The University of Maine System shall disclose their
26 sources of funding as part of the report required in section 4. The University of Maine
27 System is not required under this resolve to undertake work for which it does not have or
28 has not received sufficient funding.

29 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by November 6, 2024, the University of Maine
30 System shall submit a report that includes but is not limited to recommended legislation
31 and appropriations requests based on its study and analysis in sections 1 and 2 to the joint
32 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint
33 standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature
34 in 2025.

35 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
36 appropriations and allocations are made.

37 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
38 **Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

1 Initiative: Provides one-time funds to contract with vendors for the data and analysis
2 required to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic
3 medical school in Penobscot County.

4	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
5	All Other	\$150,000	\$0
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

8 '
9 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
10 section number to read consecutively.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It
13 directs the University of Maine System to study the feasibility of establishing a public
14 allopathic medical school in Penobscot County and make specific recommendations in its
15 report. It also directs the University of Maine System to coordinate with a tertiary care
16 hospital medical education program in Penobscot County and solicit the advice,
17 participation or testimony of other organizations. The amendment requires the University
18 of Maine System to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
19 jurisdiction over education matters by November 6, 2024. The joint standing committee
20 may report out legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

21 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
22 **(See attached)**

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