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An Act To Require the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy To Report the Number of Students Enrolled in Remedial Courses

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10012 is enacted to read:

§ 10012. High school graduates data; remedial courses

1. Remedial courses. Using information that is already collected by the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy as part of the admissions and academic placement process, the President of the Maine Community College System, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the President of the Maine Maritime Academy shall annually compile the data so as to demonstrate:

- A. The total number of traditional students who are enrolled in remedial courses, which must be disaggregated by campus and by subject area;
- B. The name of each secondary school in the State from which a traditional student enrolled in a remedial course received a high school diploma and the number of those students from each of those schools; and
- C. The retention and graduation rates for traditional students who were enrolled in remedial courses, which must be disaggregated by campus.

For the purposes of this subsection, "traditional student" means a student who has attended any accredited public school or private school in the State and received a high school diploma from a secondary school in the State or who has participated in a home instruction program pursuant to section 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A and who in the following academic year matriculates in the Maine Community College System, in the University of Maine System or at the Maine Maritime Academy.

2. Report. Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year, the President of the Maine Community College System, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the President of the Maine Maritime Academy shall each report the information compiled under subsection 1, including recommendations for strategies that may result in fewer students enrolling in remedial courses at postsecondary educational institutions and strategies for improving the retention and graduation rates for students who were enrolled in remedial courses. The reports must be submitted by January 1st of each year to the Commissioner of Education, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the school boards and superintendents of school administrative

units whose graduates are enrolled in remedial courses. The Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy shall publish the annual reports on their publicly accessible websites.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy to report annually on the number of traditional students who attended high school in the State and who are enrolled in remedial courses at each campus within their respective systems.