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In Senate, April 10, 2023

An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill and
Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York,
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MILLETT of Cape
Elizabeth, SAMPSON of Alfred, WORTH of Ellsworth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10016** is enacted to read:

3 **§10016. Private support organization**

4 **1. Designation of private support organization.** The President of the Maine
5 Maritime Academy shall designate a nonprofit organization as the private support
6 organization for the Maine Maritime Academy. The designated organization must be
7 incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State, and its sole purpose, as
8 reflected in its bylaws, must be to organize and foster support for the Maine Maritime
9 Academy and its programs.

10 **2. President or designee to serve on board of directors.** The President of the Maine
11 Maritime Academy, or the president's designee, shall serve as a member of the private
12 support organization's board of directors.

13 **3. Plan of work.** The President of the Maine Maritime Academy shall negotiate an
14 annual memorandum of understanding between the Maine Maritime Academy and the
15 private support organization that outlines a plan of work identifying priority projects of
16 mutual benefit and cooperation. The private support organization's board of directors may
17 delegate aspects of the plan of work to the executive director or president of the private
18 support organization.

19 **4. Use of property.** The President of the Maine Maritime Academy may permit the
20 appropriate use of fixed property, equipment and facilities of the Maine Maritime Academy
21 by the private support organization. Such use must be directly in keeping with the purpose
22 of the private support organization as set out in subsection 1 and must comply with all
23 appropriate state policies and procedures.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill directs the President of the Maine Maritime Academy to designate a nonprofit
26 organization as the private support organization for the Maine Maritime Academy to
27 organize and foster support for the Maine Maritime Academy and its programs.