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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1023, L.D. 1389, “An Act To Improve Maritime Education in Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8238, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 655, §4, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all powers, duties and authority of the school under this chapter and under any other law terminate 90 days after the adjournment of the ~~Second~~ First Regular Session of the ~~130th~~ 131st Legislature.

Sec. 2. Transition of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering to an educational program-based model; report. Notwithstanding its establishment as a public magnet school pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 312-A, the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, referred to in this section as “the Maine Ocean School,” shall transition from a public magnet school to an educational program-based model focused on marine-related science, technology, engineering and mathematics no later than 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. In order to provide for this transition, the Maine Ocean School shall:

1. Develop a new funding model that will support the program;
2. Develop a new supervisory model for the program, which may include agreements to join Regional School Unit 20 or another educational partner as a program instead of a diploma-granting educational institution. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Maine Ocean School is authorized to make and sign any agreements necessary to assist in the transition to this new supervisory model;
3. Design the program to operate regionally and accept students at the program’s physical location and through remote, virtual or distance-based learning for students attending from the local region and throughout the State; and

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1 4. Endeavor to identify potential grant funding for which the program may be eligible
2 and any other funding to support the new program from federal and private sources.

3 The Maine Ocean School shall submit a report, no later than January 15, 2023, to the
4 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural
5 affairs on the progress toward the transition to the program-based model, including
6 suggested legislation necessary to finalize the transition. The committee may report out
7 legislation related to the Maine Ocean School to the 131st Legislature in 2023.'

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

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that all powers, duties and
12 authority of the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and
13 Engineering, also known as the Maine Ocean School, terminate 90 days after the
14 adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The Maine Ocean School
15 is directed to transition from a public magnet school to an educational program focused on
16 marine-related science, technology, engineering and mathematics by that date. In providing
17 for that transition, the Maine Ocean School is required to develop a new funding model to
18 support the program; develop a new supervisory model for the program, which may include
19 agreements to assist the transition to that new supervisory model; design the program to
20 operate regionally and accept students at the program’s physical location and through
21 remote, virtual or distance-based learning for students attending from the local region and
22 throughout the State; and identify potential grant funding to support the program and any
23 other funding from federal and private sources.

24 The Maine Ocean School is required to report to the joint standing committee of the
25 Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs no later than January 15,
26 2023 on the progress toward the transition to the program-based model, including
27 suggested legislation necessary to finalize the transition. The committee may report out
28 legislation based on the report.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 **(See attached)**