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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 486, L.D. 665, Bill, “An Act To Enact the Campus Free Expression Act”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Office of the Attorney General To Review Free Speech on Public College and University Campuses'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Office of the Attorney General to review free speech on public college and university campuses. Resolved:** That the Office of the Attorney General shall review whether there have been any instances in the State in which the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System or Maine Maritime Academy has violated or otherwise restricted a student's free speech rights protected under the United States Constitution, Amendment I and the Constitution of Maine, Article I, review whether additional protections are necessary under state law and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than January 1, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Assistant Attorney General position through January 31, 2020 to support the office in reviewing free speech considerations.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$41,518	\$0
All Other	\$1,582	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$43,100</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, directs the Office of the Attorney General to review whether there have been any instances in the State in which the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System or Maine Maritime Academy has violated or otherwise restricted a student's free speech rights protected under the United States Constitution, Amendment I and the Constitution of Maine, Article I, review whether additional protections are necessary under state law and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than January 1, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**