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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 585, L.D. 836, Bill, “An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Maine's Workforce Development Capacity by Modernizing and Improving the Facilities and Infrastructure of Maine's Public Universities”

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

'An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Maine's Workforce Development Capacity by Modernizing and Improving the Facilities and Infrastructure of Maine's Public Universities and Community Colleges'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$75,000,000" and inserting the following: '\$49,000,000'

Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. A-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.
The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

Provides funds for the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of existing or new facilities and other infrastructure within the University of Maine System as approved by the Board of Trustees in order to expand workforce development capacity and attract and retain students. Bond funds must be matched by other public and private funds.

Total \$49,000,000

Amend the bill in Part A in section 9 in the 3rd line (page 3, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Part." and inserting the following: 'Act.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in Part A in section 9 by striking out all of the question (page 3, lines
2 9 to 11 in L.D.) inserting the following:

3 ' "Do you favor a \$49,000,000 bond issue to be matched by at least
4 \$49,000,000 in private and public funds to modernize and improve the
5 facilities and infrastructure of Maine's public universities in order to
6 expand workforce development capacity and to attract and retain students
7 to strengthen Maine's economy and future workforce?" '

8 Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

9 '**Sec. B-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under
10 the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an
11 amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part.
12 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for
13 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

14 **Sec. B-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of
15 State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond,
16 the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the
17 date of sale and the date when payable.

18 **Sec. B-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of
19 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may
20 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the
21 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State
22 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set
23 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project
24 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of
25 general obligation bonds.

26 **Sec. B-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay
27 interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for
28 payment of bonds at maturity.

29 **Sec. B-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**
30 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as
31 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies
32 and entities set forth in this section.

33 **MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
34 **SYSTEM**

35 Provides funds to renovate and expand instructional laboratories and to upgrade
36 information technology infrastructure and heating and ventilating systems for
37 improved energy efficiency and long-term savings at Central Maine Community
38 College.

39 Total \$2,503,755

1 Provides funds for information technology system upgrades, to convert heating
2 systems to natural gas and for additional campus-wide energy efficiencies at Eastern
3 Maine Community College.

4 Total \$2,233,082

5 Provides funds for capital equipment to support a new program in millwrighting and
6 industrial mechanics, for upgrades to information technology infrastructure and
7 instructional and library technologies and to replace and insulate aging windows and
8 facades at Kennebec Valley Community College.

9 Total \$2,190,731

10 Provides funds to expand the diesel hydraulics program laboratory, upgrade
11 information technology infrastructure and heating and ventilation systems, invest in
12 energy efficiencies and renovate classrooms at Northern Maine Community College.

13 Total \$1,165,119

14 Provides funds for facility repairs and improvements, energy efficiencies, renovations
15 to expand space for student support and remediation, information technology system
16 upgrades and instructional and library services at Southern Maine Community
17 College.

18 Total \$4,275,100

19 Provides funds to renovate and expand instructional laboratories, for information
20 technology system upgrades and for investments in instructional technologies at
21 Washington County Community College.

22 Total \$885,853

23 Provides funds for information technology system upgrades to and the development
24 of York County Community College's Industrial Trades Center in Sanford.

25 Total \$1,746,360

26 **Sec. B-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not
27 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set
28 forth in this Part.

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title, reduces from \$75,000,000 to \$49,000,000 the funds provided to build Maine's workforce development capacity by the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of existing or new facilities and other infrastructure within the University of Maine System and adds a bond issue to provide funds in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used to improve educational programs by upgrading facilities at all 7 community colleges to provide Maine people with access to high-skill, low-cost technical and career education. The amendment also removes the appropriation to the University of Maine System, and it requires the University of Maine System to submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on the system's capital expenditure plan every 2 years.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)