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House of Representatives, January 21, 1993

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield. Cosponsored by Representative CLEMENT of Clinton, Representative CLOUTIER of South Portland and Representative OLIVER of Portland.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE

An Act Concerning Employees of the Maine Technical College System.

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Public Law 1991, chapter 780 provides that merit increases may not be awarded to employees of the Maine Technical College System for fiscal year 1992-93; and

Whereas, the contract of the faculty employees of the Maine 10 Technical College System expired on June 30, 1991; and

Whereas, in a negotiated collective bargaining agreement, the Maine Technical College System agreed to set aside money previously allocated for step increases for fiscal year 1992-93 for members of the faculty unit; and

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Whereas, if the merit pay freeze for employees of the Maine 18 Technical College System is repealed, the system will agree to pay members step increases for which they would otherwise have 20 been eligible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. V, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. V-1. Merit increases. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 979-D and any other provisions of law, any merit increase, regardless of funding source, scheduled to be awarded between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993 to any person employed by the State, including probationary employees, employees of the Legislature, Judicial Department and independent agencies and employees of the University of Maine System,--the Maine--Technical--College-System and Maine Maritime Academy, may not be awarded, authorized or implemented. Any savings realized by the University of Maine System,--the--Maine--Technical--College System and Maine Maritime Academy must be used to offset any proposed or implemented tuition increases.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act is retroactive to June 30, 46 1992.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill repeals the merit pay freeze for employees of the Maine Technical College System.

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