

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 689

House of Representatives, February 11, 1997

**An Act to Ensure That the Technical College System Is More  
Responsive to the Needs of the State.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WRIGHT of Berwick.  
Cosponsored by President LAWRENCE of York and  
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BRENNAN of Portland, DESMOND of Mapleton,  
FARNSWORTH of Portland, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, WATSON  
of Farmingdale, WHEELER of Eliot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§18**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695, §11, is amended to read:

6 **18. Delegation; other powers.** To delegate duties and  
8 responsibilities as necessary for the efficient operation of this  
chapter and to do any other acts or things necessary or  
10 convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted or  
reasonably implied in this chapter; and

12 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§19**, as amended by PL 1989, c.  
14 443, §39, is further amended to read:

16 **19. Advisory committees.** To appoint or identify advisory  
committees to advise the board of trustees with respect to  
18 vocational and technical education and training policies and  
programs, to procedures for modifying the programs of the  
colleges to meet the needs of the State's economy and the  
20 changing job market and to the efficient operation of the  
colleges and the Maine Technical College System Office. These  
22 committees may include, but need not be limited to, the Maine  
Council on Vocational Education, authorized under the United  
24 States Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, Section 112,  
Public Law 98-524, or its successor; and

26 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

28 **20. Curriculum.** To undertake a biennial assessment of the  
30 state and local economy, including the current and projected job  
32 market, and to develop curriculum and degrees for the colleges  
based on anticipated employment needs in the State.

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill will promote the development and implementation of  
40 courses and degrees at the technical colleges that are relevant  
to Maine's employment needs.