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OFFICE OF
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MAINE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

Whereas, there is a need for comprehensive inventories and planning with respect to all public and private postsecondary educational resources in the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the Federal government has made available planning funds under the appropriation authority contained in Section 1203 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; and

Whereas, in order to be eligible for these funds, a State postsecondary education commission must be designated as required by Section 1202 of the same Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby designate the State Board of Education, augmented by certain individuals so as to be broadly and equitably representative of the general public and postsecondary education in the State, as the Maine Postsecondary Education Commission.

The Commission is directed to initiate comprehensive inventories of, and studies with respect to all public and private postsecondary educational resources in the State, including planning necessary for such resources to be better coordinated, improved, expanded, or altered so that all persons within the State who desire, and who can benefit from postsecondary education may have an opportunity to do so.

The Commission is further directed to determine, after public hearing, the need for and functions of a permanent Postsecondary Education Commission. The Commission shall report its findings, with appropriate statutory changes, to the Governor and the 107th Legislature.

The following state-administered program authorities contained in the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, are hereby assigned to the Commission:

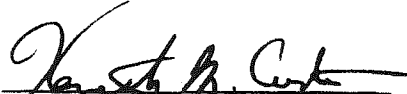
1. Equipment for undergraduate instruction (HEA, Section 603)
2. Grants for construction of undergraduate academic facilities (HEA, Section 704)

The Chairman of the State Board of Education shall serve as the Chairman of the Maine Postsecondary Education Commission.

Staff support shall be provided by the Department of Education and Cultural Services.

The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses in performance of their duties.

The Commission is authorized to establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Order.


KENNETH M. CURTIS
Governor