

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE GOVERNOR

NO. 8 FY 88/89
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AN ORDER
ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION ON MAINE'S COMMON CORE OF LEARNING

WHEREAS, an educated citizenry forms the basis of a strong state and nation; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reaffirm the intrinsic and practical value of academic learning, the acquisition of skills, and the development of attitudes and values that support a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, students, parents, and leaders in business and industry, and all Maine citizens have interests in the quality of high school education; and

WHEREAS, there should be agreement on the common outcomes and results of the education for all high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, the State can coordinate these interests by initiating a statewide dialogue among these constituencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Commission on Maine's Common Core of Learning.

Membership:

The membership shall include a broadly based group of Maine citizens representing education, business and industry, the arts, the news media and parents. Membership shall be as follows:

Officers:

President of Colby College
Business or industry representative

Ex Officio:

Commissioner, Department of Educational & Cultural Services
Chancellor, University System
Director, Vocational Technical Institute System

Members (to include one or more of the following):

elementary school teacher
middle level teacher
secondary school teacher
librarian
elementary school principal
middle level principal
secondary school principal
special educator
secondary vocational education director
VTI System representative
superintendent of schools
State Board of Education member
University representative
Maine Independent College Association representative
school board member
business representative
industry representative
fine or applied arts representative
volunteer representative
parent/teacher representative
student representative
legislative representative
Cultural Bureau representative
agriculture industry representative
labor representative
citizen

Terms of Membership

The Governor shall appoint the members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Functions and Duties:

1. The Commission shall determine the knowledge, skills and attitudes that all Maine high school students should have when they graduate. This will be accomplished through:
 - a. an analysis of existing data;
 - b. regional forums;
 - c. surveys; and
 - d. such other activities as the Commission determines.
2. The Commission shall publish a report based on the findings by the end of the first year.

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3. The Commission shall consider continuing its work for a subsequent year to determine:
- a. how knowledge, skills, and attitudes should be measured; and/or
 - b. the extent to which the identified knowledge, skills, and attitudes are being taught in Maine schools.

Administration

The Department of Educational and Cultural Services will ensure staff support to the Commission.

Officers

Co-chairs shall be the President of Colby College and a Business/Industry representative. The Commissioner of DECS, the Chancellor of the University System, and the Director of the VTI System will serve in an ex officio capacity.

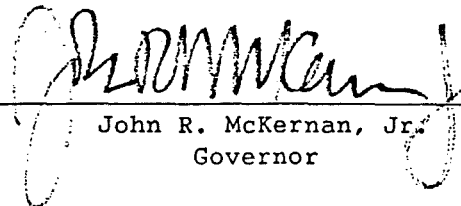
Meetings

The Commission shall, upon at least seven days notice, meet upon the call of the Chair.

Compensation

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. All legally allowed expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their commission duties shall be borne by their parent organizations. Expenses of members representing organizations that do not reimburse such expenses will be borne by the Department of Educational & Cultural Services.

The effective date of this Order is February 16, 1989.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor