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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 777, L.D. 1849, Bill, "An Act Relating to Coordination of Public Higher Education."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by adding at the end of that part designated "Sec. 1-A" (same in L.D. 1849) the following underlined sentence: 'Aroostook State College will be named Aroostook State College of the University of Maine, Farmington State College will be named Farmington State College of the University of Maine, Fort Kent State College will be named Fort Kent State College of the University of Maine, Gorham State College will be named Gorham State College of the University of Maine and Washington State College will be named Washington State College of the University of Maine.'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by inserting after the first underlined word "members" in the 6th line of that part designated "Sec. 4." (4th and 5th lines in L.D. 1849) the underlined words and figure ',but no more than 7 members,'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all of the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 3. P. & S.L., 1865, c. 532, §§ 4-A - 4-E, additional. Chapter 532 of the private and special laws of 1865 is amended by adding 5 new sections, to be numbered 4-A to 4-E, to read as follows:'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by inserting after the underlined words and punctuation "campus heads;" in the headnote of that part designated "Sec. 4-A" (same in L.D. 1849) the underlined words and punctuation 'administrative council;'; and by striking out in the 4th line of that part designated "Sec. 4-A" (3rd line in L.D. 1849) the underlined word "shall" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'may'; and by inserting before the last sentence of that part designated "Sec. 4-A" (same in L.D. 1849) the following underlined sentence: 'An administrative council composed of the heads of each institution shall be formed.'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by inserting after the underlined word "chancellor" in the headnote of that part designated "Sec. 4-B" (same in L.D. 1849) the underlined punctuation and words ',administrative council;'; and by striking out in the 5th and 6th lines of subsection 1 of that part designated "Sec. 4-B" (4th and 5th lines in L.D. 1849) the underlined words "directly to the Governor and Legislature" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words and figures 'in accordance with the direction in Title 5, section 1665, and Title 5, chapter 153'; and by striking out in the 2nd line of subsection 3 of that part designated "Sec. 4-B" (first and 2nd lines in L.D. 1849) the underlined words "function as its

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principal officer" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'be the chief administrative and educational officer thereof'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by adding at the end of that part designated "Sec. 4-B" (same in L.D. 1849) the following underlined subsection:

'4. Administrative council. The administrative council shall exercise the following responsibilities: To make to the board of trustees, through the chancellor, recommendations which require board action or pertain to policy development; serve as a clearing house for matters referred to it by appropriate officers of individual institutions; act on matters referred to the council by the chancellor or the board of trustees.'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by adding at the end of that part designated "Sec. 4-C" (same in L.D. 1849) the following underlined paragraph:

'Ownership of any property formerly held by Aroostook State College, Farmington State College, Fort Kent State College, Gorham State College or Washington State College, which is removed from educational use by the University of Maine, shall revert to the State of Maine.'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all of that part designated "Sec. 4-D" (same in L.D. 1849) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 4-D. Options for employment benefits of personnel. All personnel heretofore employed at the state colleges shall have the option of continuing their membership, if such exists, in the Maine State Retirement System or of becoming members of the retirement system in effect at the University of Maine at the time the election is made. Such election shall be made within 6 months after the effective date of this Act on forms and in such manner as the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine may direct. As to each such employee who elects to continue membership in the Maine State Retirement System, it shall thereafter be the responsibility of the university to provide for payment from its appropriation to the Treasurer of State of the amount which would have been the state's contribution to the retirement system for such employee had he remained in the state's service. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, as to all such employees who elect to become members of the retirement system in effect at the university, such employees shall, within 90 days after such election, authorize the Maine State Retirement System to pay through the Treasurer of State into the retirement system in effect at the university the total of the member's contributions for said employee. Any such employee electing to become a member of the retirement system in effect at the university who has vested rights under the Maine State Retirement System may elect, notwithstanding the foregoing provision, to leave his contribution on deposit in said system. Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act, such employees shall exercise

the option of determining whether they shall keep their personnel classification, salary level and tenure rights, to the extent they now exist, for their work with their present institutions, or adopt such benefits as they exist under the system in effect at the university at the time election is made. No faculty member employed at one campus may be transferred to another campus without his consent.'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by adding at the end a new section 4-E (same in L.D. 1849) to read s follows:

'Sec. 4-E. Student tuition. The current proportionate difference in student tuition between the present University of Maine and the present state colleges shall be maintained through the academic year 1971-1972.'

Reported by the Committee on EDUCATION.

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