

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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7 H.P. 243

House of Representatives, January 26, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 26, 1983. Referred to the  
9 Committee on Education, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Handy of Lewiston.

Cosponsors: Representative Andrews of Portland, Representative  
Diamond of Bangor and Senator Clark of Cumberland.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Regarding Courses and their  
18 Equivalency Offered at Various Units of  
19 the University of Maine.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§§13 and 14, as  
24 enacted by PL 1981, c. 693 §§5 and 8, are amended to  
25 read:

26 13. Master plan. To give a high priority to the  
27 provisions of the master plan for higher education  
28 through legislative action and appropriate publicity;  
29 and

30 14. Commuter education. To make the most effec-  
31 tive use possible of the financial resources allo-  
32 cated to public higher education by maximum emphasis  
33 on commuter facilities; and

1           Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §10902, sub-§§15 to 17 are  
2 enacted to read:

3           15. Transfer of credits. To provide for a uni-  
4 form system of transferring credits for equivalent  
5 courses between the various units of the University  
6 of Maine;

7           16. Uniform course numbering. To provide for a  
8 uniform system of the numbering of courses for  
9 equivalent courses between the various units of the  
10 University of Maine; and

11           17. Uniform course descriptions. To provide for  
12 a uniform system of course descriptions for equiva-  
13 lent courses between the various units of the Univer-  
14 sity of Maine.

15           Sec. 3. 20-A MRS §10907 is enacted to read:

16           §10907. Transfer of credits; uniform course num-  
17 bering; uniform course descriptions; committee

18           1. Formation. The Chancellor of the University  
19 of Maine shall form a committee composed of:

20           A. The Dean of Academic Affairs or designee from  
21 each campus of the University of Maine;

22           B. One faculty member selected by the faculty  
23 from each campus of the University of Maine; and

24           C. One student representative selected by the  
25 student body of each campus of the University of  
26 Maine.

27           2. Chairman. The Vice-Chancellor of the Univer-  
28 sity of Maine shall serve as chairman and be an ex  
29 officio member of the committee.

30           3. Meetings. The committee shall be selected as  
31 soon as reasonably possible after the effective date  
32 of this section. The Vice-Chancellor of Academic  
33 Affairs shall notify all members of the time and  
34 place of the first meeting. At that time, the com-  
35 mittee shall organize and adopt rules as to the  
36 administration of its affairs. The members shall

1 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed  
2 by the chancellor for travel expenses.

3 4. Duties. The committee shall establish:

4 A. A uniform system to facilitate the transfer  
5 of credits for equivalent courses between the  
6 various units of the University of Maine;

7 B. Development of a uniform course numbering  
8 system; and

9 C. Development of uniform course descriptions to  
10 provide an easy comparison of courses offered  
11 between the various units of the University of  
12 Maine.

13 5. Report. The committee shall report the  
14 results of its deliberations and its recommendations  
15 to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine  
16 no later than January 1, 1984. The board shall  
17 implement the recommendations contained in the  
18 report.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This bill establishes a committee of individuals  
21 from the various units of the University of Maine to:  
22 1). Establish a uniform system of transferring cred-  
23 its for equivalent courses between those units; 2).  
24 Establish a uniform course numbering systems for the  
25 units of the University of Maine; and 3). Develop  
26 uniform course descriptions for all the units of the  
27 university.

28 Students who have transferred from one unit of  
29 the University of Maine to another have lost credit  
30 hours and, in effect, money for the failure of one  
31 unit to accept credit hours from another for similar  
32 courses.

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