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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 S.P. 417

In Senate, March 21, 1983

8 On Motion of Senator Pray of Penobscot referred to the Committee
9 on Education. In non-concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

Representative Handy of Lewiston, Representative Gauvreau of
Lewiston and Representative Michaud of E. Millinocket.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Commission to
18 Review and Evaluate Higher Educational
19 Needs, Services and Institutions.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. Commission on Higher Education estab-
24 lished. There is established a Commission on Higher
25 Education to consist of 21 members as follows: Three
26 members from the Legislature, 2 of whom shall be from
27 the House of Representatives and one from the Senate;
28 3 members from the administrations of Maine colleges
29 and universities; 3 members from faculty at Maine
30 colleges and universities; 3 students currently
31 enrolled at Maine colleges and universities; 3 alumni
32 from Maine colleges and universities; 3 members of
33 the general public; and 3 professional and classified
34 employees from Maine colleges and universities.

1 Sec. 2. Appointment. The members shall be
2 appointed as follows: The 2 members of the House of
3 Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of
4 the House of Representatives; the Senate member shall
5 be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 admin-
6 istrators shall be appointed by the University of
7 Maine Chancellor; one administrator to be appointed
8 by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Ser-
9 vices; the faculty, students, professional and clas-
10 sified members shall be elected by the respective
11 bodies in the University of Maine system; the alumni
12 and public members shall be appointed by the Govern-
13 nor. The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the
14 commission.

15 Sec. 3. Duties. The commission shall evaluate
16 the cost and performance of higher education, with
17 specific attention paid to:

18 1. Faculty. The quality and morale of faculty;
19 the recruitment, retention and promotion of faculty;
20 and the impact of collective bargaining;

21 2. Decision making. The planning and decision-
22 making processes of institutions of higher education;

23 3. Service. The delivery of services to stu-
24 dents and the general public by institutions of
25 higher education; the costs of the delivery of educa-
26 tional services; and the costs of administration;

27 4. Quality of education. The overall quality of
28 education offered at these institutions; the appro-
29 priateness of the curriculum for needs of students,
30 the State and the Nation; and

31 5. Other matters. Such other matters and con-
32 siderations as the commission shall deem appropriate
33 in providing to the Legislature a full and accurate
34 picture of the subject matter of higher education in
35 this State.

36 Sec. 4. Staff assistance. The commission may
37 hire outside consultants to gather information, con-
38 duct interviews and undertake any other activities
39 necessary to fulfill the commission's charge. The
40 commission may hold any public hearings it deems

