

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (New Draft of S.P. 417, L.D. 1267)  
2 (New Title)

3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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9 S.P. 537

In Senate, May 5, 1983

10 Reported by Senator Clark of Cumberland from the Committee on  
11 Education and printed under Joint Rule 2.

12 Original bill presented by Senator Hayes of Penobscot. Cosponsored by  
Representative Handy of Lewiston, Representative Gauvreau of Lewiston and  
Representative Michaud of E. Millinocket.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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14 STATE OF MAINE  
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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19 AN ACT to Establish a Commission to  
20 Review and Evaluate the University of Maine  
21 System.  
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. Commission on Higher Education estab-  
26 lished. There is established a Commission on Higher  
27 Education to consist of 15 members as follows: Three  
28 members from the Legislature, 2 of whom shall be from  
29 the House of Representatives and one from the Senate;  
30 3 members from the administrations of the University  
31 of Maine; 2 members from faculty at the University of  
32 Maine campuses, only one of whom can be from the  
33 Orono or University of Southern Maine campuses; one  
34 student currently enrolled at a Maine college or uni-

1       versity; one alumnus from a Maine college or univer-  
2       sity; 3 members of the general public; and one pro-  
3       fessional and one classified employee from the Uni-  
4       versity of Maine.

5       **Sec. 2. Appointment.** The members shall be  
6       appointed as follows: The 2 members of the House of  
7       Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of  
8       the House of Representatives; the Senate member shall  
9       be appointed by the President of the Senate; adminis-  
10      trators shall be appointed by the University of Maine  
11      trustees; the faculty, student, professional and  
12      classified members shall be elected by the respective  
13      bodies in the University of Maine system; the alumni  
14      and public members shall be appointed by the Gover-  
15      nor. The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the  
16      commission.

17      **Sec. 3. Duties.** The commissioner shall evaluate  
18      the cost and performance of the University of Maine  
19      with specific attention paid to:

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

23      2. Decision making. The planning and decision-  
24      making processes of institutions of higher education;

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

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

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

38      **Sec. 4. Staff assistance.** The commission may  
39      hire outside consultants to gather information, con-

1 duct interviews and undertake any other activities  
2 necessary to fulfill the commission's charge. The  
3 commission may hold any public hearings it deems  
4 appropriate in obtaining information deemed neces-  
5 sary.

6 **Sec. 5. Report on findings and recommenda-**  
7 **tions.** The Commission on Higher Education shall com-  
8 plete its work and report its findings and recom-  
9 mendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Educa-  
10 tion, any necessary implementing legislation on or  
11 before January 1, 1985, to the First Regular Session  
12 of the 112th Legislature. This report shall address  
13 each of the matters set forth in this Act and shall  
14 include any proposed legislation in proper draft form  
15 to be adopted by the Legislature to effectuate the  
16 course of action the commission may recommend.

17 The report shall include a recodification of the  
18 public laws and private and special laws governing  
19 the University of Maine system and their incorpo-  
20 ration into the Revised Statutes, Title 20-A.

21 **Sec. 6. Compensation.** Members shall be compen-  
22 sated at \$40 for each day or part of a day they par-  
23 ticipate in commission business, plus reasonable  
24 travel expenses.

25 **Sec. 7. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
26 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
27 purposes of this Act.

28		<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
29	<u>COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION</u>		
30	All Other	\$25,000	\$15,000

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 The purpose of this new draft is to establish a  
33 commission to review and evaluate the University of  
34 Maine system. This will be the first major study of  
35 higher education in Maine since the formation of the  
36 University of Maine system in 1968. The commission is  
37 directed to report to the Legislature with its report

1 and recommendations for legislative action by January  
2 1, 1985.

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