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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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No. 832

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7 H.P. 561

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 On Motion of Representative Brown of Gorham, referred to the
9 Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Bost of Orono.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Diamond of Bangor, Representative
Cashman of Old Town and Representative Crouse of Caribou.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Create a Technological, Business
18 and Industrial Development Council for
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. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§8, ¶A, sub-¶(6-A) is
24 enacted to read:

25 (6-A) Education Technological, Legislative
26 Business and 20-A MRSA §10952
27 Industrial
28 Council per diem

29 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 412 is enacted to read:

30 CHAPTER 412

31 TECHNOLOGICAL, INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

32 §10951. Purpose

1 The Legislature recognizes the important link be-
2 tween academic programs and business and industrial
3 development. In order to enhance that link, it is
4 the purpose of this chapter to provide capital for
5 use within strict guidelines in order to facilitate
6 the growth of a partnership relationship between
7 business, industry and the university. Such a rela-
8 tionship will enhance the academic and research ac-
9 tivities of the university and economic development
10 opportunities of the State's businesses.

11 §10952. Technological, Business and Industrial De-
12 velopment Council

13 There is created a Technological, Business and
14 Industrial Development Council to carry out this
15 chapter. The council shall consist of 5 members:
16 The presidents of the University of Maine at Orono
17 and the University of Southern Maine, the Director of
18 the State Development Office, the Commissioner of Ed-
19 ucational and Cultural Services and a public member
20 appointed by the Governor to a 4-year term. The pub-
21 lic member shall be qualified in the field of techno-
22 logical, business or industrial development, finance
23 or higher education. He shall serve as chairman and
24 may not be employed by the State or the university.
25 The council may employ or contract for necessary
26 staff to carry out its duties. The public member
27 shall be reimbursed as provided in Title 5, chapter
28 379, while engaged in council business. All members
29 shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in-
30 curring while engaged in council work.

31 §10953. Duties

32 The council shall have the following duties:

33 1. Coordinate needs. To act as a forum for the
34 exchange of ideas between the business and university
35 communities in order to foster the development of ed-
36 ucational programs which will enhance business and
37 industry;

38 2. Endowment fund. To establish an endowment
39 fund to be used to facilitate the linking of academic
40 programs at the University of Maine at Orono and the
41 University of Southern Maine with technological,

1 business and industrial development by companies in
2 Maine and the rest of the Nation;

3 3. Administration of fund. To solicit, receive
4 and spend money on behalf of the fund;

5 4. Approve plans. To approve plans for the
6 spending of money from the fund by the University of
7 Maine at Orono and the University of Southern Maine
8 to coordinate their academic and research programs
9 with the needs of employers of this State;

10 5. Distribute funds. To distribute money from
11 the fund based on an approved plan;

12 6. Reports. To report to the Legislature each
13 January on its activities for the previous year and
14 its plans for the coming year; and

15 7. Rules. To promulgate rules in accordance
16 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,
17 chapter 375, which are necessary to carry out this
18 chapter. Those rules shall include the criteria for
19 approval of plans and the distribution of funds under
20 subsections 4 and 5.

21 §10954. Funds

22 The endowment fund shall consist of funds which
23 the Legislature may from time to time appropriate to
24 carry out this chapter and other funds received from
25 any other source.

26 The funds shall be deposited with the Treasurer
27 of State. The proceeds from investment of the funds
28 the the Treasurer of State shall be credited to the
29 council.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to establish a Tech-
3 nological, Business and Industrial Development Coun-
4 cil to provide a necessary link between the academic
5 programs of the University of Maine at Orono and at
6 the University of Southern Maine and the needs of the
7 business community. Such an action is the first step
8 toward creating a comprehensive, mutually beneficial
9 partnership. The council is to serve as a forum for
10 the exchange of ideas between the business and uni-
11 versity communities and may distribute funds to be
12 used by the University of Maine at Orono and the Uni-
13 versity of Southern Maine to coordinate their educa-
14 tional programs with the needs of the business commu-
15 nity. Money may be received from private donations,
16 government grants or legislative appropriations.
17 This bill will enhance the academic and research ac-
18 tivities of the university and the economic develop-
19 ment opportunities of the State's businesses.

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