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STATEMENT OF FACT

The New England Board of Higher Education has established under the New England Higher Education Compact the New England Regional Student Program. that program, students living in one New England state may enroll in programs at public institutions of higher education in other New Engalnd states at a reduced rate of tuition, if a similar program is not available at a public institution in the student's home state. Currently, the Maine Maritime Academy is unable to participate in the Regional Student Program because its charter precludes it from admitting outof-state students at reduced tuition rates. bill amends the academy's charter to allow it to participate fully in the program allowing it to compete on an equal basis for out-of-state students with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. All other post-secondary educational institutions in Maine are already participating members of this New England Regional Program.

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