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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 660, L.D. 902, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act Regarding the Maine Technical College System'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12703-A is enacted to read:

§12703-A. Comprehensive plan

Beginning in 1991, the board of trustees shall develop a comprehensive 5-year plan for the Maine Technical College System. The plan is a statement of strategies and specific actions designed to achieve the academic, occupational and technical educational mission of the system. The plan is a working document with annual updates, as needed, to address interim issues identified during the life of the plan. At a minimum the plan must include a complete statement of the goals of the system, individual campus goals, program objectives and plans and a statement of financial needs to implement the plan. Each succeeding plan must include an assessment of the system's success in implementing the plan. The board shall thoroughly review and revise the plan every 5 years. In developing, updating and revising the plan, the board shall provide for input from the educational community, the business and industry community, the labor community, the general public and the technical college faculty and staff.

2 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12705, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c.
502, Pt. A, §62, is repealed and the following enacted in its
place:

4 1. Membership. The board of trustees consists of 11
6 appointed voting members and one ex officio voting member, as
follows:

8 A. Eleven from the field of business and industry, the
10 field of labor, the field of education and the general
12 public; and

14 B. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services,
16 or the commissioner's successor, who serves as the ex
officio voting member.

18 Sec. 3. Transition. The current member of the board of
trustees representing the State Board of Education and the
current member of the board of trustees representing the
20 University of Maine System remain voting members of the Board of
Trustees of the Maine Technical College System until their
22 respective terms expire.

24 FISCAL NOTE

26 The Technical College System will be able to absorb the cost
28 of this bill within existing resources.'

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 This amendment replaces the original bill. The purpose of
34 the amendment is to change the makeup of the Board of Trustees of
the Technical College System and to establish a comprehensive,
36 strategic planning process for the system. The board is directed
to develop a series of 5-year plans to be updated on an annual
38 basis as needed and completely revised every 5 years. The plan
is to identify specific actions of the system to achieve the
40 academic, employment and technical educational mission of
system. Each 5-year plan is to address overall system
42 objectives, individual campus objectives, program plans and
financial needs. Each succeeding plan must include an assessment
44 of the success of the previous plan.

46 The makeup of the Board of Trustees of the Technical College
System is amended by deleting the Commissioner of Economic and
48 Community Development and the Commissioner of Labor as ex officio
members and the representatives of the State Board of Education
50 and the University of Maine System. The current board and
university system members will serve out their existing terms.

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