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Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs.

Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Winthrop, Senator ESTES of York and Senator KANY of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Enhance the Status of Vocational-technical Education in
Maine.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL
5 1987, c. 20, §1, is amended to read:

7 B. Any board or commission of any state agency or
9 authority, the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine
11 System and any of its committees and subcommittees, the
13 Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy and any of
15 its committees and subcommittees, the Board of Trustees of
17 the Maine ~~Vocational-Technical-Institute~~ Technical College
19 System and any of its committees and subcommittees; and

21 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶E,** as repealed and replaced by PL
23 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

25 E. Records, working papers, interoffice and intraoffice
27 memoranda used by or prepared for faculty and administrative
29 committees of the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine
31 Vocational-Technical-Institute Technical College System and
33 the University of Maine System. The provisions of this
35 paragraph do not apply to the boards of trustees and the
37 committees and subcommittees of those boards, which are
39 referred to in subsection 2, paragraph B.

41 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §507, sub-§7, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL
43 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

45 B. The evaluations and analyses of the justification
47 reports for the programs of the following Group D-2
49 departments shall be reviewed by the Legislature no later
51 than June 30, 1987: The Department of Educational and
53 Cultural Services, excluding the State Museum Bureau, the
55 Arts Bureau and the ~~vocational-technical---~~ institutes
57 technical colleges.

59 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §507, sub-§10, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by
61 PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

63 B. Unless continued or modified by law, the following Group
65 G-2 independent agencies shall terminate, not including the
67 grace period, no later than June 30, 1990. The Board of
69 Emergency Municipal Finance, the Finance Authority of Maine
71 and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank shall not terminate, but
73 shall be reviewed by the Legislature no later than June 30,
75 1990:

- 77 (1) Board of Emergency Municipal Finance;
- 79 (2) Finance Authority of Maine;
- 81 (3) Maine Municipal Bond Bank;

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- (4) State Liquor Commission;
- (5) Capitol Planning Commission;
- (6) State Board of Property Tax Review;
- (7) ~~Maine Vocational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College System;
- (8) Maine Commission for Women; and
- (9) Maine Human Rights Commission.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §18, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1987, c. 735, §4 and c. 784, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. "Executive employee" means the constitutional officers, the State Auditor, members of the state boards and commissions as defined in chapter 379 and compensated members of the classified or unclassified service employed by the Executive Branch, but it shall not include:

- (1) The Governor;
- (2) Employees of and members serving with the National Guard;
- (3) Employees of the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and state technical colleges;
- (4) Employees who are employees solely by their appointment to an advisory body;
- (5) Members of boards listed in chapter 379, who are required by law to represent a specific interest, except as otherwise provided by law; and
- (6) Members of advisory boards as listed in chapter 379.

Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶F-1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 735, §5, is further amended to read:

F-1. Any employee of the ~~Maine Vocational-Technical Institute~~ Technical College System;

Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §931, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1985, c. 481, Pt. A, §7, is further amended to read:

1 H. Officers and employees of the unorganized territory
2 school system; the teachers, administrators and professional
3 employees of the state ~~veocational-technical--institutes~~
4 technical colleges and the Governor Baxter School for the
5 Deaf; and the teachers, administrators and professional
6 employees of school systems in other state institutions;

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8 **Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §1507, sub-§4-A**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 497,
9 §1, is further amended to read:

11 4-A. **Maine technical colleges.** The Governor may allocate
12 funds from such account in amounts not to exceed in total the sum
13 of \$100,000 in any fiscal year to provide funds for any unusual
14 and unforeseen needs as may arise in the operation of the
15 ~~veocational-technical---institutes~~ Maine technical colleges.
16 Allocations may be made from this fund by the Governor only upon
17 the written request of the Board of Trustees of the Maine
18 ~~Veocational-technical--Institutes~~ technical colleges and after
19 consultation with the State Budget Officer.

21 **Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §1507, sub-§5-A**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 816,
22 Pt. N, §2, is further amended to read:

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24 5-A. **Job development training.** The Governor may allocate
25 funds from such account in amounts not to exceed in total the sum
26 of \$1,000,000 to provide funds for any unusual, unforeseen or
27 extraordinary needs for state assistance in creating jobs by
28 assisting in meeting the training requirements of labor intensive
29 new or expanding industries. Allocations for this purpose may be
30 made from this fund by the Governor only upon the written request
31 of the Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of Economic and
32 Community Development and after consultation with the State
33 Budget Officer. The commissioners' request to the Governor shall
34 be formulated subsequent to their consultation with the
35 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, the Executive
36 Director of the Maine ~~Veocational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical
37 College System and the director of the appropriate service
38 delivery area as defined by the Job Training Partnership Act.

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40 **Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §1893, sub-§8, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by
41 PL 1987, c. 701, §4, is amended to read:

42 A. The data and information subject to the exchange
43 procedure shall include:

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45 (1) Employment data, including employment by the
46 Standard Industrial Classification Code and by
47 occupation;

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49 (2) Wage data by the Standard Industrial
50 Classification Code and by occupation;

- 1 (3) Income data, including personal and business
income;
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- 5 (4) Housing data, particularly data to measure the
extent of the availability of affordable housing for
7 low-income and moderate-income households throughout
the State;
- 9 (5) Levels of education of the work force;
- 11 (6) Enrollments in secondary vocational-regional
13 centers and the ~~Vocational-Technical---Institute-~~
Technical College System;
- 15 (7) Enrollments of Maine residents in colleges and
universities located inside and outside the State;
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- 19 (8) Job training, including participants and types of
programs;
- 21 (9) Business financing data;
- 23 (10) General assistance data, including state and
municipal assistance;
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- 27 (11) Business growth and change, including business
expansions, new businesses and business closings;
- 29 (12) Changes in land use from an undeveloped status to
a developed status;
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- 33 (13) Investments in business in this State which shall
be differentiated in accordance with the Standard
Industrial Classification Code;
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- 37 (14) Business usage of electrical power,
differentiated according to Standard Industrial
Classification Code standards;
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- 41 (15) Data by which employment and unemployment
patterns, poverty and low-income patterns and
43 economically distressed communities and regions can be
determined; and
- 45 (16) Taxation data maintained by the Bureau of
Taxation.
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49 **Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §7051, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 402,
Pt. A, §55, is further amended to read:

- 51 **4. Employees in military service; substitutes.** Whenever
any employee, regularly employed in other than a temporary

1 position for a period of at least 6 months by the State or by any
2 department, bureau, commission or office of the State, or by the
3 University of Maine System, ~~veational-technical--institutes~~
4 technical colleges, Maine School Building Authority, Maine
5 Turnpike Authority, Finance Authority of Maine or any other state
6 or quasi-state agency, or by any county, municipality, township
7 or school district within the State shall in time of war,
8 contemplated war, emergency or limited emergency, enlist, enroll,
9 be called or ordered or be drafted into the Armed Forces of the
10 United States or any branch or unit thereof, or shall be
11 regularly drafted under federal manpower regulations, he the
12 employee shall not be deemed or held to have thereby resigned
13 from or abandoned his employment, nor shall he be removable
14 during the period of his service. "Temporary," for the purpose
15 of this section means employment based on a seasonal or on-call
16 basis or employment based on a contract of less than 6 months'
17 duration.

19 A. An employee subject to this section, while in the Armed
20 Forces of the United States or still employed after draft
21 under federal manpower regulations, shall be considered as
22 on leave of absence without pay and, for the purpose of
23 computing time in regard to pension rights, annual and sick
24 leave accumulation and seniority, shall be considered during
25 the period of his federal service as in the service of the
26 governmental agency by which he the employee was employed at
27 the time of his entry into federal service. The employee,
28 if he ~~reports~~ reporting for duty within a 90-day period from
29 the date of separation under conditions other than
30 dishonorable from the Armed Forces of the United States or
31 if receiving treatment in a hospital at the time of his
32 separation, he the employee reports for duty within 90 days
33 from his discharge from the hospital, shall:

35 (1) If still qualified to perform the duties of that
36 position, be restored to that position or to a position
37 of like seniority, status and pay; or

39 (2) If not qualified to perform that position by
40 reason of disability sustained during service, but
41 qualified to perform duties of any other position in
42 the employ of his the employee's preservice employer,
43 be restored to such other position the duties of which
44 he the employee is qualified to perform as will provide
45 him the employee like seniority, status and pay, or the
46 nearest approximation consistent with the circumstances
47 in his the employee's case.

49 B. Any employee restored to a position under this section
50 shall not be discharged from that position without cause
51 within one year after restoration to that position.

1 C. This section shall apply to any such employee entering
3 the Armed Forces of the United States under Public Law 759
5 80th Congress (Selective Service Act of 1948) or while said
Public Law 759 or any amendment thereto or extension thereof
shall be in effect.

7 D. Rights to reemployment, credits toward retirement under
9 the Maine State Retirement System and vacation or sick leave
accumulation shall not be allowed beyond the period of the
11 first enlistment or induction, but in no event beyond 4
13 years from the date of his the original call to active duty
in the Armed Forces of the United States, except if his the
15 employee's return to active duty in the Armed Forces or the
extension of his the period of service beyond 4 years is
required by some mandatory provision and he the employee
17 shall present proof satisfactory to the agency concerned.

19 E. When a permanent classified employee is on extended
21 leave, a substitute may be employed, subject to personnel
rules, until return or separation of the incumbent.

23 **Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §7054, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 402,
Pt. A, §§56 and 57, is further amended to read:

25 4. Retention preference. In any reduction in personnel in
27 the state service, veteran preference employees shall be retained
in preference to all other competing employees in the same
29 classification with equal seniority, status and service ratings.

31 In determining qualifications for examination and appointment
with respect to veteran preference eligibles under this section,
33 the director or other examining agency may waive requirements as
to age, height and weight, provided that any such requirement is
35 not essential to the performance of the duties of the position
for which examination is given. The director or other examining
37 agency, after giving due consideration to the recommendation of
any accredited physician, may waive the physical requirements in
39 the case of any veteran, provided that the veteran is, in the
opinion of the director or other examining agency, physically
41 able to discharge efficiently the duties of the position for
which the examination is given.

43 This section applies to all examinations for original positions
45 in the State Police, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,
Department of Marine Resources, University of Maine System,
47 ~~veocational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges, Maine School
Building Authority, Maine Turnpike Authority, Finance Authority
of Maine or any other state or quasi-state agency.

49 **Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §8002, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779,
51 §22, is further amended to read:

1 2. **Agency.** "Agency" means any body of State Government
3 authorized by law to adopt rules, to issue licenses or to take
4 final action in adjudicatory proceedings, including, but not
5 limited to, every authority, board, bureau, commission,
6 department or officer of the State Government so authorized; but
7 the term shall not include the Legislature, Governor, courts,
8 University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy,
9 ~~veeatiional-teechnical---~~institutes technical colleges, the
10 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services for schools of
11 the unorganized territory, school administrative units, special
12 purpose districts or municipalities, counties or other political
13 subdivisions of the State.

14 **Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §12004-C, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
15 786, §5, is amended to read:

16 3. **Board of Trustees,** Legislative 20-A MRSA §12705
17 ~~Maine Veeatiional-Teechnical~~ Per Diem
18 ~~Institute~~ Technical College
19 System

20 **Sec. 15. 5 MRSA §15138, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 769,
21 Pt. A, §25, is further amended to read:

22 Agencies of State Government shall cooperate to assess the
23 needs of zones and provide appropriate assistance to these
24 zones. There shall be a committee composed of, at a minimum, the
25 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, Director of
26 the State Planning Office, Commissioner of Transportation,
27 Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Educational and Cultural
28 Services, Executive Director of the ~~Maine Veeatiional-Teechnical~~
29 ~~Institute~~ Technical College System, Chief Executive Officer of
30 the Finance Authority of Maine and the Director of the Maine
31 State Housing Authority.

32 **Sec. 16. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§11,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
33 256, §1, is further amended to read:

34 11. **Department.** "Department" means any department,
35 commission, institution or agency of State Government including
36 the ~~Maine Veeatiional-Teechnical-Institute~~ Technical College System.

37 **Sec. 17. 5 MRSA §17001, sub-§40,** as repealed and replaced by
38 PL 1987, c. 256, §3, is amended to read:

39 40. **State employee.** "State employee" means any regular
40 classified or unclassified officer or employee in a department
41 and any employee of the ~~Maine Veeatiional-Teechnical--Institute~~
42 Technical College System, but does not include:

1 A. A judge, as defined in Title 4, section 1201 or 1301,
3 who is now or later may be entitled to retirement benefits
under Title 4, chapter 27 or 29;

5 B. A member of the State Police who is now entitled to
7 retirement benefits under Title 25, chapter 195; or

9 C. A Legislator who is now or later may be entitled to
retirement benefits under Title 3, chapter 29.

11 **Sec. 18. 7 MRSA §212, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 608,
13 §2, is amended to read:

15 3. **State or school purchaser.** "State or school purchaser"
17 means any person who purchases foodstuffs for any state
institution or agency, the ~~veational-technical--institutes~~
technical colleges or the school districts of this State.

19 **Sec. 19. 10 MRSA §918, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 548,
21 §1, is amended to read:

23 2. **Public sector corporators.** Public sector corporators
25 shall be those agencies of government and other organizations
27 providing support of at least \$50 annually to the foundation. For
the ~~preposes~~ purposes of this chapter, public sector corporators
29 shall include: Municipal and county government; councils of
government; local and area development corporations; regional
31 planning commissions; development districts; state agencies;
higher educational facilities, including the components of the
33 state university system, the Maine Maritime Academy, private
colleges and post-secondary schools, and ~~veational-technical~~
institutes technical colleges; and such other public or
quasi-public entities as may be approved by the directors of the
foundation.

35 **Sec. 20. 10 MRSA §1478, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
37 569, §2, is amended to read:

39 A. For the purposes of this section, "state agency"
41 includes the Maine ~~veational-technical--institutes~~ technical
colleges.

43 **Sec. 21. 14 MRSA §8102, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 11,
45 §1, is further amended to read:

47 4. **State.** "State" means the State of Maine or any office,
department, agency, authority, commission, board, institution,
49 hospital or other instrumentality thereof, including the Maine
Turnpike Authority, the Maine Port Authority, the Maine
~~Veational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College System, the
51 Maine Veterans' Homes and all such other state entities.

1 **Sec. 22. 20-A MRSA §6359, sub-§1, ¶G,** as enacted by PL 1985, c.
2 771, §§2 and 7, is amended read:

3 G. "School" means any public or private, post-secondary
4 school in the State including, but not limited to colleges,
5 universities, ~~veational-technical---institutes~~ technical
6 colleges and schools for the health professions.

7 **Sec. 23. 20-A MRSA §9000, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
8 124, §2, is amended to read:

9 2. System. "System" means the Maine ~~Vocational-Technical~~
10 ~~Institute~~ Technical College System, established by chapter 431.

11 **Sec. 24. 20-A MRSA §9002, sub-§1, ¶¶H and I,** as enacted by PL
12 1987, c. 124, §4, are amended to read:

13 H. Two members recommended by the Southern Maine
14 ~~Vocational-Technical---Institute~~ Technical College Fire
15 Science Craft Committee; and

16 I. Two members recommended by the Eastern Maine
17 ~~Vocational-Technical---Institute~~ Technical College Fire
18 Science Craft Committee.

19 **Sec. 25. 20-A MRSA §10201,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 320, §2,
20 is amended to read:

21 **§10201. Establishment**

22 The Energy Testing Laboratory of Maine, referred to in this
23 chapter as "ETLM," is established at Southern Maine
24 ~~Vocational-Technical-Institute~~ Technical College, referred to in
25 this chapter as "SMVPI," "SMTC," within the Department of
26 Educational and Cultural Services.

27 **Sec. 26. 20-A MRSA §11608, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
28 795, is further amended to read:

29 3. State University of Maine System; grant allocation. The
30 department may allocate up to 25% of the state student incentive
31 scholarship grants to eligible students attending the University
32 of Maine System, up to 2 1/2% to eligible students attending the
33 Maine Maritime Academy and up to 2 1/2% to eligible students
34 attending the ~~veational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges.
35 The remaining 70% shall be granted to eligible students attending
36 other eligible institutions of higher education. If
37 administration of the scholarship program does not result in use
38 of all the funds allocated for Maine Maritime Academy students,
39 ~~veational-technical---institute~~ technical college students or
40 eligible students attending other eligible institutions of higher
41 education by November 15th of any school year, the department

1 shall reallocate the unused funds for use by eligible students
2 attending the University of Maine System. If the funds are
3 reallocated, the total amount of funds allocated for use by
4 students attending the University of Maine System may exceed the
5 percentage provided in this subsection.

7 **Sec. 27. 20-A MRSA §12552, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1985, c.
8 779, §57, is further amended to read:

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10 **3. State post-secondary educational institution.**
11 "Post-secondary educational institution" means the University of
12 Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the
13 ~~veational-teechnieal--institute~~ technical colleges.

15 **Sec. 28. 20-A MRSA §12604, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
16 527, §2, is amended to read:

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18 **4. Community or junior college attendance.** An advance
19 tuition payment contract shall provide that the plan provide for
20 the qualified beneficiary to attend an accredited
21 ~~veational-teechnieal--institute~~ technical college, community or
22 junior college before entering an accredited institution of
23 higher education if the beneficiary chooses and that the contract
24 may be terminated pursuant to section 12606 after completing the
25 requirements for a degree at the ~~veational-teechnieal--institute~~
26 technical college, community or junior college or before entering
27 the state institution of higher education.

29 **Sec. 29. 20-A MRSA §12606, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
30 527, §2, is amended to read:

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32 **4. Certain conditions.** Certain conditions are allowable
33 pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

35 The right to receive a refund shall not be authorized under the
36 contract if the qualified beneficiary has completed more than 1/2
37 of the credit hours required by the state institution of higher
38 education for the awarding of a baccalaureate degree. This
39 provision shall not affect the termination and refund rights of a
40 graduate of a ~~veational-teechnieal--institute~~ technical college,
41 community or junior college.

43 **Sec. 30. 20-A MRSA §12607, sub-§§2 and 3**, as enacted by PL
44 1987, c. 527, §2, are amended to read:

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46 **2. Amount of refund.** The amount of a refund shall be
47 reduced by the amount transferred to a ~~veational-teechnieal~~
48 ~~institute~~ technical college, community or junior college on
49 behalf of a qualified beneficiary when the contract is terminated
50 as provided in section 12604, subsection 4, and by the amount
51 transferred to a state institution of higher education on behalf
of a qualified beneficiary.

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3 3. Right to receive settlement fund. The right to receive a
5 settlement fund shall not be authorized under the contract if the
7 qualified beneficiary has completed more than 1/2 of the credit
hours required by the state institution of higher education for
the awarding of a baccalaureate degree.

9 A. This provision shall not affect the termination and
11 refund rights of a graduate of a ~~veational-teechnical~~
institute technical college, community or junior college.

13 **Sec. 31. 20-A MRSA §12608, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
15 527, §2, is amended to read:

17 An advance tuition payment contract may authorize a person,
19 who is entitled under the advance tuition payment contract to
21 terminate the contract, to direct payment of the settlement sum,
pursuant to restrictions set forth in section 12605, subsection
3, to an independent accredited degree-granting college or
university or to a ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical
college, community or junior college.

23 **Sec. 32. 20-A MRSA §12701, sub-§§3, 5 and 6**, as enacted by PL
25 1985, c. 695, §11, are amended to read:

27 3. **President.** "~~Director~~" "President" means the ~~director~~
president of a ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college.

29 5. **College.** "~~Institute~~" "College" means a
31 ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college as established
in section 12714.

33 6. **System.** "System" means the Maine ~~Veational-Technical~~
35 Institute Technical College System.

37 **Sec. 33. 20-A MRSA §12701, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1987, c.
39 532, §1, is further amended to read:

41 7. **Maine Technical College System Office.** "~~Maine~~
43 ~~Veational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College System Office"
means the office of the executive director, together with the
offices of supporting staff, as established in section 12710.

45 **Sec. 34. 20-A MRSA §12702**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
47 §11, is amended to read:

49 **§12702. System established**

51 There is established the Maine ~~Veational-Technical~~
Institute Technical College System which shall be a body
corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State
and the exercise of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be

1 deemed and held to be the performance of essential governmental
2 functions. The system shall consist of the board of trustees,
3 the ~~Vocational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College Support
4 Office and the ~~vocational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges.

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6 **Sec. 35. 20-A MRSA §12703**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
7 §11, is amended to read:

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9 **§12703. Mission and goals**

10 The basic mission of the Maine ~~Vocational-Technical~~
11 ~~Institute~~ Technical College System is to provide associate
12 degree, diploma and certificate programs directed at the
13 educational, occupational and technical needs of the State's
14 citizens and the workforce needs of the State's employers.

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16 The primary goals of post-secondary vocational-technical
17 education and the Maine ~~Vocational-Technical-Institute~~ Technical
18 College System are to create an educated, skilled and adaptable
19 labor force which is responsive to the changing needs of the
20 economy of the State and to promote local, regional and statewide
21 economic development.

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23 **Sec. 36. 20-A MRSA §12704, sub-§§3 and 4**, as enacted by PL
24 1985, c. 695, §11, are amended to read:

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26 **3. Job skills and flexibility.** Providing each ~~institute~~
27 college student with the opportunity to obtain job skills and an
28 understanding of how to adapt these skills to the requirements of
29 an evolving technology and a changing economy;

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31 **4. General and related education.** Offering each ~~institute~~
32 college student a general education designed to complement
33 specific vocational and technical skills and offering courses and
34 curricula designed to teach students to think clearly, logically
35 and analytically and to comprehend the multiple dimensions and
36 facets of public and private issues and problems;

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38 **Sec. 37. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§§1 and 10**, as amended by PL
39 1987, c. 532, §3, are further amended to read:

40
41 **1. Policies.** To develop and adopt policies for the
42 operation of the system, the Maine ~~Vocational-Technical-Institute~~
43 Technical College System Office and the ~~institutes~~ colleges;
44 establish the administrative council; and approve programs and
45 policies recommended by the executive director and the
46 administrative council;

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48 **10. Legal affairs.** To sue and be sued in its own name.
49 Services of process in any action shall be made by service upon
50 the executive director, either in hand or by leaving a copy of
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1 the process at the Maine Vocational-Technical-Institute Technical
2 College System Office;

3 **Sec. 38. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
4 695, §11, is amended to read:

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7 11. Personnel policies. To develop and adopt personnel
8 policies and procedures for the system. The board of trustees,
9 subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements, shall
10 determine the qualifications, duties and compensation of its
11 employees and shall allocate and transfer personnel within the
12 system as necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter. The
13 board of trustees shall appoint the executive director and the
14 ~~directors~~ presidents, ~~assistant-directors~~ vice-presidents, deans
15 and directors of finance of the ~~institutes~~ colleges. The
16 provisions of the Personnel Law, as defined by Title 5, section
17 551 and Title 5, chapter 71, do not apply to the system;

18 **Sec. 39. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§19**, as amended by PL 1987, c.
19 532, §3, is further amended to read:

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21 19. Advisory committees. To appoint or identify advisory
22 committees to advise the board of trustees with respect to
23 vocational and technical education and training policies and
24 programs, to procedures for modifying the programs of the
25 ~~institutes~~ colleges to meet the needs of the State's economy and
26 the changing job market and to the efficient operation of the
27 ~~institutes~~ colleges and the Maine Vocational-Technical-Institute
28 Technical College System Office. These committees may include,
29 but need not be limited to, the Maine Council on Vocational
30 Education, authorized under the United States Carl D. Perkins
31 Vocational Education Act, Section 112, Public Law 98-524, or its
32 successor.

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34 **Sec. 40. 20-A MRSA §12707**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
35 §11, is amended to read:

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37 **§12707. Occupational information**

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39 The Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee,
40 authorized under the United States Education Amendments of 1976,
41 Section 161(b), Public Law 94-482 and established by Title 26,
42 section 1452, as amended, shall serve as the standard, principal
43 source of occupational information for vocational and technical
44 program planning and as the primary source of career information
45 for the career guidance and placement counseling of ~~institute~~
46 college applicants, students and graduates.

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48 **Sec. 41. 20-A MRSA §12709, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
49 695, §11, is amended to read:

1 1. Leadership. To develop policies, procedures, goals and
2 objectives with respect to the operation of the ~~institutes~~
3 colleges, to be approved by the board of trustees. The executive
4 director shall meet regularly with the administrative council to
5 develop these policies and goals;

7 **Sec. 42. 20-A MRSA §12709, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1987, c.
8 532, §4, is further amended to read:

9 2. Maine Technical College System Office staff
10 appointment. Under procedures and standards developed by the
11 board of trustees, to appoint the staff of the Maine
12 ~~Vocational-Technical-Institute~~ Technical College System Office,
13 including professional and nonprofessional personnel and
14 including, but not limited to, private legal counsel and
15 financial experts;

17 **Sec. 43. 20-A MRSA §12709, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
18 695, §11, is amended to read:

20 3. Nomination of presidents. To nominate the ~~directors~~
21 presidents for appointment by the board of trustees;

23 **Sec. 44. 20-A MRSA §12709, sub-§§4, 5 and 8**, as amended by PL
24 1987, c. 532, §4, are further amended to read:

26 4. Staff oversight. To oversee the staff of the Maine
27 ~~Vocational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College System Office
28 and the ~~directors~~ presidents of the ~~institutes~~ colleges;

30 5. Personnel evaluation. Under policies and standards
31 developed by the board of trustees, to evaluate the performance
32 of the Maine ~~Vocational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College
33 System Office staff and of the ~~directors~~ presidents of the
34 ~~institutes~~ colleges and to make personnel recommendations to the
35 board of trustees;

37 8. Accounting system and procedures. To provide for an
38 accounting system and procedures which will reflect and identify
39 all appropriations, allocations, income and revenues and all
40 expenditures of each ~~institute~~ college and the Maine
41 ~~Vocational-Technical-Institute~~ Technical College System Office;

43 **Sec. 45. 20-A MRSA §12709, sub-§§10 and 13**, as enacted by PL
44 1985, c. 695, §11, are amended to read:

46 10. Intercampus cooperation and coordination. To promote
47 cooperation among the ~~vocational-technical-institutes~~ technical
48 colleges and prepare plans for approval by the board of trustees
49 with respect to the coordination of programs, activities and
50 personnel;

1 13. Coordination with the private sector. To work closely
with the private sector in order to ensure that the ~~institutes~~
3 colleges respond expeditiously to the needs of the private sector
and the State's economy, particularly with respect to changing
5 technology, industries and job training needs;

7 Sec. 46. 20-A MRSA §12710, as amended by PL 1987, c. 532, §5,
is further amended to read:

9 §12710. Maine Technical College System Office

11 The Maine Vocational-Technical-Institute ~~Technical College~~
13 System Office shall implement the policies of the board of
trustees and shall provide staff and technical assistance to each
15 ~~institute~~ college and state-level coordination and leadership to
the system.

17 Sec. 47. 20-A MRSA §12711, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
19 §11, is amended to read:

21 §12711. Presidents of the colleges

23 The executive director shall nominate the ~~directors~~
presidents for appointment by the board of trustees. The
25 ~~directors~~ presidents must be qualified by education and
experience and shall serve at the pleasure of the board of
27 trustees.

29 Sec. 48. 20-A MRSA §12712, as amended by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt.
C, §§56 and 106, is further amended to read:

31 §12712. Powers and duties of the presidents of the colleges

33 The ~~directors~~ presidents shall implement the policies of the
35 board of trustees and be responsible for the day-to-day operation
of the ~~institutes~~ colleges. The powers and duties of the
37 ~~directors~~ presidents shall include the following.

39 1. Administration of the colleges. The ~~directors~~
presidents shall be responsible for the administration of the
41 ~~institutes~~ colleges. The ~~directors~~ presidents shall cooperate to
provide vocational and technical education and training that best
43 meets the needs of students, the private sector and the changing
economy of the State. The ~~directors~~ presidents shall administer
45 the ~~institutes~~ colleges in a manner consistent with the mission
and goals set forth in section 12703.

47 2. College staff appointment. Under procedures and
49 standards developed by the board of trustees, the ~~directors~~
presidents shall appoint the faculty and staff of the ~~institutes~~
51 colleges, including professional and nonprofessional personnel.

1 3. Nomination of vice-presidents. The ~~direeter~~ president
of each institute college shall nominate an-~~assistant-director a~~
3 vice-president, deans and director of finance for appointment by
the board of trustees.

5 4. Staff oversight. The ~~direeters~~ presidents shall oversee
7 the administrators, faculty and staff of the institutes colleges.

9 5. Personnel evaluation. Under policies and standards
developed by the board of trustees, the ~~direeters~~ presidents
11 shall evaluate the performance of the administrators, faculty and
staff of the institutes colleges and make personnel
13 recommendations to the executive director and the board of
trustees.

15 6. Assist in preparation of the budget. The ~~direeters~~
presidents shall assist the board of trustees and the executive
17 director in the preparation of the budget for the system. Each
~~direeter~~ president shall prepare a proposed line-item budget for
19 the institute college that each ~~direeter~~ president represents. A
copy of the proposed budget of each institute college shall be
21 provided to the board of trustees and the executive director for
their examination. Nothing in this subsection may be construed
23 to mean that the ~~direeters~~ presidents have approval authority for
the budgets of the institutes colleges.

25 7. Appointment of police officers. The ~~direeters~~
presidents may appoint persons to act as police officers who,
27 while within the limits of the property owned by or under control
of the institutes colleges, shall possess all the powers of
29 polices officers in criminal cases.

31 A. The board of trustees may establish guidelines by which
33 each ~~direeter~~ president may make rules for the control,
35 movement and parking of vehicles within the limits of the
property owned by or under the control of the institute
37 college. These rules may include special provisions for
employees of the system and institute college students. A
39 ~~direeter's~~ president's rule shall be adopted or amended
subject to the approval of the board of trustees and shall
41 have the same force and effect as a municipal ordinance.
District courts may impose finds, not to exceed \$10, for
43 each violation of these rules.

45 B. The board of trustees may adopt the provisions of Title
30-A, section 3009, subsection 1, paragraph C, relating to
47 prima facie evidence and the establishment of a waiver of
court action by payment of specified fees.

49 8. Advisory committees. Each ~~direeter~~ president shall
51 appoint advisory committees to advise on the development and
operation of the educational programs at the institutes colleges.

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3 9. Delegated duties. Each ~~director~~ president shall
undertake other duties as delegated by the board of trustees and
the executive director.

5 Sec. 49. 20-A MRSA §12713, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
7 §11, is amended to read:

9 §12713. Administrative council

11 The administrative council shall be a nonvoting, advisory
13 council, composed of the ~~directors~~ presidents of the ~~institutes~~
colleges to advise the board of trustees and the executive
15 director. The administrative council shall advise the executive
17 director in the performance of the duties assigned under this
chapter and shall make recommendations to the executive director
19 and the board of trustees with respect to the administration of
the ~~institutes~~ colleges, courses of study, educational programs,
21 curricula, coordination of programs between the ~~institutes~~
colleges, coordination with other institutions of higher learning
and other educational and training institutions and other matters
as requested by the executive director or the board of trustees.

23 Sec. 50. 20-A MRSA §12714, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
25 §11, is amended to read:

27 §12714. Name and program of the technical colleges

29 The program of the ~~veational-teechnical-institutes~~ technical
colleges shall be designed to educate, train and prepare high
31 school graduates, or the equivalent, for possible employment as
33 technicians or technologists, including health technicians and
technologists, engineering assistants, business and office
35 administrators or workers, mechanics or repairers, craft workers,
construction workers or precision production workers or other
37 skilled workers, in accordance with the mission and goals set
forth in section 12703. Unless and until the board of trustees
39 deems it necessary to adopt other nomenclature to fulfill the
purposes of this chapter, the names of the ~~institutes~~ colleges
shall be:

41 1. Central Maine. Central Maine ~~Veational-Technical~~
43 ~~Institute~~ Technical College;

45 2. Eastern Maine. Eastern Maine ~~Veational-Technical~~
47 ~~Institute~~ Technical College;

49 3. Kennebec Valley. Kennebec Valley ~~Veational-Technical~~
~~Institute~~ Technical College;

51 4. Northern Maine. Northern Maine ~~Veational-Technical~~
~~Institute~~ Technical College;

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3 5. Southern Maine. Southern Maine Vocational-Technical
Institute Technical College; and

5 6. Washington County. Washington County
Vocational-Technical-Institute Technical College.

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9 Sec. 51. 20-A MRSA §12715, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
§11, is amended to read:

11 **§12715. Accreditation**

13 The ~~institutes~~ colleges may seek and maintain membership in
15 the appropriate regional accrediting association and shall strive
to satisfy the requirements necessary to achieve and maintain
17 accreditation as ~~vocational-technical---institutes~~ technical
colleges and to meet the requirements necessary to receive
19 federal aid. Whenever feasible and appropriate, programs of
study offered by the ~~institutes~~ colleges shall meet the
21 requirements of the corresponding occupations for licensing,
certification or registration. As provided in Title 32,
23 ~~institute~~ college graduates with appropriate training and
experience shall be eligible for licensure as journeyman workers
25 in certain specified occupations upon passage of the journeyman's
examination.

27 Sec. 52. 20-A MRSA §12716, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
§11, is amended to read:

29 **§12716. Financial aid**

31 1. State scholarships. The board of trustees shall develop
33 and administer a program of scholarships for ~~institute~~ college
students. Awards shall be based on evidence of individual need
35 and worth.

37 Students selected to receive a scholarship shall fulfill the
following qualifications:

39 A. Show evidence of the qualifications necessary to
41 complete a course of study successfully and to become a
competent technical or craft worker in an industrial,
43 administrative or trade pursuit;

45 B. Show demonstrated ability and willingness to support the
expenses of education and training; and

47 C. Show demonstrated need of financial assistance to help
49 pay the cost of ~~institute~~ college attendance.

51 2. National Guard Scholarship Program. Members of the
Maine National Guard with over 10 years of continuous service may

1 be awarded scholarships on the basis of their guard membership,
not to exceed 3 credit hours or the equivalent each semester.
3 The guard shall select those who are to receive scholarships from
among those members eligible for admission to an ~~institute~~ a
5 college. The program shall be administered by the board of
trustees.

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3. **Loan fund revolving accounts.** In compliance with
9 federal regulations, the board of trustees may establish and
administer loan fund revolving accounts to provide effective and
11 efficient student loan programs for the ~~institutes~~ colleges. The
board of trustees shall adopt rules governing the giving of loans
13 to ~~institute~~ college students in need of financial aid, repayment
plans and other aspects of the loan programs. Each loan fund
15 revolving account authorized and the specific funds associated
with it shall be kept in a separate special account and any
17 repayment of loans made from one of these separate special
accounts shall be credited to that separate special account for
19 continued use as a loan fund.

21 **Sec. 53. 20-A MRSA §12717**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695,
§11, is amended to read:

23 **§12717. Instruction Projects Revolving Fund**

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The board of trustees shall establish and administer an
27 Instructional Projects Revolving Fund to aid instruction at the
~~institutes~~ colleges. The fund shall be used to pay necessary
29 costs of projects which are carried out as part of the
instructional program. No project may be undertaken unless the
31 fund contains enough money to cover its proposed budget. All
money generated through the operation of any project shall be
33 placed into the fund for use in other instructional projects.

35 **Sec. 54. 20-A MRSA §12718, sub-§§2, 3, 5 and 6**, as enacted by PL
1985, c. 695, §11, are amended to read:

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2. **Current enrollments.** Current enrollments by program at
39 each ~~institute~~ college;

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3. **Description of new courses or curricula.** A description
of any new ~~institute~~ college courses or curricula;

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5. **Analysis.** An analysis of the quality, growth,
45 effectiveness, labor market impact and priority of ~~institute~~
college programs, developed in terms of planning factors and
47 criteria adopted by the board of trustees. These factors and
criteria may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

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A. Suitability as indicated by licensing requirements,
51 general educational development, specific vocational
preparation levels, national surveys, career information

- 1 delivery system and occupational outlook handbook
3 recommendations and alternate training environments;
- 5 B. Need as indicated by economic development targets,
7 regional and local perspectives, duplicate training programs
9 and enrollment and application levels, ratios and trends;
- 11 C. Employment outlook as indicated by employment levels,
13 attrition rates, growth rates, occupational supply and
15 demand ratios, cyclical trends and economic and
17 technological developments;
- 19 D. Work values as indicated by wage levels, fringe
21 benefits, working conditions, seasonal factors,
23 accessibility and equity;
- 25 E. Career potential as indicated by turnover rate, dropout
27 rate, burnout rate, career ladders, skill transferability,
29 self-employment opportunities and supervisory opportunities;
- 31 F. Program effectiveness as indicated by student-to-teacher
33 ratio, completion rate, labor market entry rate, student
35 satisfaction and employer satisfaction;
- 37 G. Program impact as indicated by related placement rate,
39 unrelated placement rate, unemployment rate and placement
41 and unemployment trends; and
- 43 H. Cost as indicated by total cost, cost per student, cost
45 per placement, special funding support and equipment
47 replacement rates;

6. List. A list of needs, in order of priority, of the
institutes colleges; and

Sec. 55. 22 MRSA §3511, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 88, is
amended to read:

§3511. Correctional, mental and certain educational institutions

Sections 3504 to 3511 shall not apply nor authorize the
installation of vending facilities in any building wholly used by
any correctional or mental institution or by any educational
institution of any type supported in whole or in part from public
funds, unless such educational institution is of university,
college, junior college grade or is a ~~vocational~~ technical
institute college.

Sec. 56. 22 MRSA §3775, sub-§§1 and 2, as amended by PL 1985,
c. 779, §63, are further amended to read:

1 1. **Services.** Encourage the development and ensure
3 coordination of training, education and pre-apprenticeship
programs, supportive services and remedial and preparatory
5 programs at the University of Maine System, the
~~voeational-technical---institutes~~ technical colleges, the
Apprenticeship and Training Council and other institutions and
7 programs;

9 2. **Placement.** Encourage the University of Maine System,
11 the ~~voeational-teechnical-institutes~~ technical colleges and other
institutions and programs to promote opportunities for
13 educational placement for recipients who meet admission
requirements; and

15 **Sec. 57. 22 MRSA §3782, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 856,
§§7 and 10, is amended to read:

17 1. **Services and support.** Services and support shall
19 include those which are provided under chapter 1053, Aid to
Dependent Children; chapter 1054, the Job Opportunities Act of
21 1981; Title 20-A, chapter 315, Adult Education; Title 20-A,
chapter 431, Maine ~~Voeatiaonal-Teehnieal--Institute~~ Technical
23 College System; Title 26, chapter 21, the Displaced Homemakers
Act; and Title 26, chapter 25, the Job Training Partnership Act.

25 **Sec. 58. 23 MRSA §1201, sub-§35**, as repealed and replaced by
27 PL 1985, c. 506, Pt. A, §46, is amended to read:

29 35. **Southern Maine Technical College.** A sign shall be
provided by the Southern Maine ~~Voeatiaonal-Teehnieal--Institute~~
31 Technical College and installed and maintained by the Maine
Turnpike Authority at Exit 7 which will conform with standards
33 established by the Maine Turnpike Authority and shall read as
follows:

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37 EXIT FOR:

39 SOUTHERN MAINE VOEATIONAL--TECHNICAL--INSTITUTE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

41 **Sec. 59. 26 MRSA §1005**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 695, §12,
is further amended to read:

43 **§1005. Related and supplemental instruction**

45 Related and supplemental instruction for apprentices,
coordination of instruction with work experiences and the
47 selection of teachers and coordinators for such instructions
shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the Maine
49 ~~Voeatiaonal-Teehnieal--Institute~~ Technical College System. The
executive director of the system shall be responsible and make
51 provision, subject to the allotment of funds, for related and

1 supplemental instruction for apprentices as may be employed under
2 apprenticeship programs registered and approved by the council.

3 **Sec. 60. 26 MRSA §1021**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779, §71,
4 is further amended to read:

5 **§1021. Purpose**

6 It is declared to be the public policy of this State and it
7 is the purpose of this chapter to promote the improvement of the
8 relationship between public employers and their employees by
9 providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of the
10 University of Maine System employees, Maine Maritime Academy
11 employees and ~~veational-technical--institute~~ technical college
12 employees to join labor organizations of their own choosing and
13 to be represented by such organizations in collective bargaining
14 for terms and conditions of employment.

15 **Sec. 61. 26 MRSA §1022, sub-§1-C**, as amended by PL 1987, c.
16 816, Pt. R, is further amended to read:

17 **1-C. Technical college.** "~~Veeational-teechnieal--institute~~"
18 "Technical college" means the Maine state ~~veational-teechnieal~~
19 ~~institutes~~ technical colleges and their activities and functions
20 supervised by the Board of Trustees of the Maine
21 ~~Veeational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College System or its
22 designee. The employment relations, policies and practices
23 throughout the ~~veational-teechnieal--institutes~~ technical colleges
24 shall be as consistent as possible. It is the responsibility of
25 the board of trustees or its designee to negotiate collective
26 bargaining agreements and administer these agreements. The board
27 of trustees or its designee is responsible for employer functions
28 of the ~~veational-teechnieal--institutes~~ technical colleges under
29 this chapter and shall coordinate its collective bargaining
30 activities with campuses or units on matters of
31 ~~veational-teechnieal--institute~~ technical college concern. In
32 addition to its responsibilities to the public generally, the
33 board of trustees shall have the specific responsibility of
34 considering and representing the interests and welfare of the
35 students in any negotiations under this chapter.

36 **Sec. 62. 26 MRSA §1022, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL
37 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §155, is amended to read:

38 **3. Board of Trustees.** "Board of Trustees" means the Board
39 of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the Board of
40 Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy or the Board of Trustees
41 of the Maine ~~Veeational-Technical--Institute~~ Technical College
42 System.

43 **Sec. 63. 26 MRSA §1022, sub-§11**, as repealed and replaced by
44 PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §156, is amended to read:

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11. University, academy or technical college employee.
"University, academy or ~~veational-teechnical-institute~~ technical college employee" means any regular employee of the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy or the Maine ~~Veational-Technical---~~ Institute Technical College System performing services within a campus or unit, except any person:

- A. Appointed to office pursuant to law;
- B. Appointed by the Board of Trustees as a vice-president, dean, director or member of the chancellor's, superintendent's or Maine ~~Veational-Teehnaical--~~ Institute Technical College System executive director's immediate staff;
- C. Whose duties necessarily imply a confidential relationship with respect to matters subject to collective bargaining as between such person and the university, the academy or the Maine ~~Veational-Teehnaical---~~ Institute Technical College System; or
- D. Employed in his the initial 6 months of employment.

Sec. 64. 26 MRSA §1023, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §63, is amended to read:

§1023. Right of university, academy or technical college employees to join labor organizations

No one may directly or indirectly interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce or discriminate against university, academy or ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college employees or a group of university, academy or ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college employees in the free exercise of their rights, hereby given, voluntarily to join, form and participate in the activities of organizations of their own choosing for the purposes of representation and collective bargaining, or in the free exercise of any other right under this chapter.

Sec. 65. 26 MRSA §1024-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 695, §16, is further amended to read:

3. Technical colleges. It is the express legislative intent to foster meaningful collective bargaining for employees of the ~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~ technical colleges. Therefore, in accordance with this policy, the bargaining units shall be structured with one unit in each of the following occupational groups:

- A. Faculty and instructors;

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- B. Administrative staff;
- C. Supervisory;
- D. Support services;
- E. Institutional services; and
- F. Police.

Sec. 66. 26 MRSA §1024-A, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §64, is amended to read:

5. **Additional bargaining units.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, 2 or 3, the Legislature recognizes that additional or modified university system-wide units, academy units or ~~veational-technical-institute~~ technical college units may be appropriate in the future. The employer or employee organizations may petition the executive director for the establishment of additional or modified university system-wide units, academy units or ~~veational-technical-institute~~ technical college units. The executive director or his a designee shall determine the appropriateness of those petitions, taking into consideration the community of interest and the declared legislative intent to avoid fragmentation whenever possible and to insure employees the fullest freedom in exercising the rights guaranteed by this chapter. The executive director or his a designee conducting unit determination proceedings may administer oaths and require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of books, records and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues represented to them.

Sec. 67. 26 MRSA §1025, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 497, §10 and c. 506, Pt. B, §25, is further amended to read:

1. **Voluntary recognition.** Any employee organization may file a request with the university, academy or ~~veational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges alleging that a majority of the university, academy or ~~veational-technical-institute~~ technical college employees in an appropriate bargaining unit as established in section 1024, wish to be represented for the purpose of collective bargaining between the university, academy or ~~veational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges and the employees' organization. Such request shall describe the grouping of jobs or positions which constitute the unit claimed to be appropriate and shall include a demonstration of majority support. Such request for recognition shall be granted by the university, academy or ~~veational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges unless the university, academy or ~~veational-technical-institutes-desires~~ technical colleges desire that an election determine whether the organization represents a

1 majority of the members in the bargaining unit. In the event that
2 the request for recognition is granted by the university, academy
3 or ~~vocational-technical--institutes~~ technical colleges, the
4 executive director shall certify the organization so recognized
5 as the bargaining agent.

7 **Sec. 68. 26 MRSA §1025, sub-§2, ¶¶A and B**, as amended by PL
8 1985, c. 497, §10 and c. 506, Pt. B, §25, are further amended to
9 read:

11 A. The executive director of the board, upon signed request
12 of the university, academy or ~~vocational-technical~~
13 ~~institutes~~ technical college alleging that one or more
14 university, academy or ~~vocational-technical--institutes~~
15 technical college employees or employee organizations have
16 presented to it a claim to be recognized as the
17 representative of a bargaining unit of university, academy
18 or ~~vocational-technical--institute~~ technical college
19 employees, or upon signed petition of at least 30% of a
20 bargaining unit of university, academy or
21 ~~vocational-technical-institutes'~~ technical college employees
22 that they desire to be represented by an organization, shall
23 conduct a secret ballot election to determine whether the
24 organization represents a majority of the members of the
25 bargaining unit.

27 B. The ballot shall contain the name of such organization
28 and that of any other organization showing written proof of
29 at least 10% representation of the university, academy or
30 ~~vocational-technical--institute~~ technical college employees
31 within the unit, together with a choice for any university,
32 academy or ~~vocational-technical-institutes~~ technical college
33 employee to designate that he the employee does not desire
34 to be represented by any bargaining agent. Where more than
35 one organization is on the ballot, and no one of the 3 or
36 more choices receives a majority vote of the university,
37 academy or ~~vocational-technical--institute~~ technical college
38 employees voting, a run-off election shall be held. The
39 run-off ballot shall contain the 2 choices which received
40 the largest and 2nd largest number of votes. When an
41 organization receives the majority of votes of those voting,
42 the executive director shall certify it as the bargaining
43 agent. The bargaining agent certified as representing a
44 bargaining unit shall be recognized by the university,
45 academy or ~~vocational-technical--institutes~~ technical
46 colleges as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all
47 of the employees in the bargaining unit unless and until a
48 decertification election by secret ballot shall be held and
49 the bargaining agent declared by the executive director as
50 not representing a majority of the unit.

1 **Sec. 69. 26 MRSA §1026, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737,
Pt. A, §65, is further amended to read:

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4 **1. Negotiations.** It shall be the obligation of the
5 university, academy, ~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~ technical
6 colleges or state schools for practical nursing and the
7 bargaining agent to bargain collectively. "Collective bargaining"
8 means, for the purpose of this chapter, their mutual obligation:

9 A. To meet at reasonable times;

11 B. To meet within 10 days after receipt of written notice
12 from the other party requesting a meeting for collective
13 bargaining purposes, provided the parties have not otherwise
14 agreed in a prior written contract;

15 C. To confer and negotiate in good faith with respect to
16 wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance
17 arbitration, except that by such obligation neither party
18 shall be compelled to agree to a proposal or be required to
19 make a concession;

20 D. To execute in writing any agreements arrived at, the
21 term of any such agreement to be subject to negotiation, but
22 not to exceed 3 years; and

23 E. To participate in good faith in the mediation, fact
24 finding and arbitration procedures required by this section.

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28 Cost items in any collective bargaining agreement of
29 ~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~ technical college employees shall
30 be submitted for inclusion in the Governor's next operating
31 budget within 10 days after the date on which the agreement is
32 ratified by the parties. If the Legislature rejects any of the
33 cost items submitted to it, all cost items submitted shall be
34 returned to the parties for further bargaining. Cost items shall
35 include salaries, pensions and insurance.

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38 **Sec. 70. 26 MRSA §1026, sub-§4, ¶C**, as repealed and replaced by
PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §66, is amended to read:

39 C. In reaching a decision under this section, the
40 arbitrators shall consider the following factors:

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42 (1) The interests and welfare of the students and the
43 public and the financial ability of the university,
44 academy or ~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~ technical
45 colleges to finance the cost items proposed by each
46 party to the impasse;

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48 (2) Comparison of the wages, hours and working
49 conditions of the employees involved in the arbitration

1 proceeding with the wages, hours and working conditions
of other employees performing similar services in
3 public and private employment competing in the same
labor market;

5 (3) The overall compensation presently received by the
7 employees, including direct salary and wage
compensation, vacation, holidays, life and health
9 insurance, retirement and all other benefits received;

11 (4) Such other factors not confined to the factors set
13 out in subparagraphs (1) to (3), which are normally and
traditionally taken into consideration in the
15 resolution of disputes involving similar subjects of
collective bargaining in public higher education;

17 (5) The need of the university, academy or
~~veeational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges for
19 qualified employees;

21 (6) Conditions of employment in similar occupations
23 outside the university, academy or ~~veeational-technical~~
~~institutes~~ technical colleges;

25 (7) The need to maintain appropriate relationships
27 between different occupations in the university,
academy or ~~veeational-technical--institutes~~ technical
29 colleges; and

31 (8) The need to establish fair and reasonable
conditions in relation to job qualifications and
responsibilities.

33 **Sec. 71. 26 MRSA §1027, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737,**
35 **Pt. A, §67, is further amended to read:**

37 **1. University, academy and technical colleges;**
prohibitions. The university, its representatives and agents,
39 the academy, its representatives and agents and the
~~veeational-technical---~~ technical colleges, their
41 representatives and agents are prohibited from:

43 A. Interfering with, restraining or coercing employees in
the exercise of the rights guaranteed in section 1023;

45 B. Encouraging or discouraging membership in any employee
47 organization by discrimination in regard to hire or tenure
of employment or any term or condition of employment;

49 C. Dominating or interfering with the formation, existence
51 or administration of any employee organization;

1 D. Discharging or otherwise discriminating against an
3 employee because he the employee has signed or filed any
5 affidavit, petition or complaint or given any information or
7 testimony under this chapter;

9 E. Refusing to bargain collectively with the bargaining
11 agent of its employees as required by section 1026; or

13 F. Blacklisting of any employee organization or its members
15 for the purpose of denying them employment.

17 **Sec. 72. 26 MRSA §1027, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 497,
19 §14 and c. 506, Pt. B, §29, is further amended to read:

21 **2. University, academy, technical colleges; prohibitions.**
23 University employees, university employee organizations, their
25 agents, members and bargaining agents; academy employees, academy
27 employee organizations, their agents, members and bargaining
29 agents; and ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college
31 employees, ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college
33 employee organizations, their agents, members and bargaining
35 agents are prohibited from:

37 A. Interfering with, restraining or coercing employees in
39 the exercise of the rights guaranteed in section 1023 or the
41 university, academy and ~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~
43 technical colleges in the selection of their representatives
45 for the purposes of collective bargaining or the adjustment
47 of grievances;

49 B. Refusing to bargain collectively with the university,
51 academy and ~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~ technical
colleges as required by section 1026; and

C. Engaging in:

(1) A work stoppage, slowdown or strike; and

(2) The blacklisting of the university, academy or
~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~ technical colleges for
the purpose of preventing them from filling employee
vacancies.

Sec. 73. 26 MRSA §1029, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 497,
§15 and c. 506, Pt. B, §30, is further amended to read:

1. Board power to prevent prohibited acts. The board is
empowered, as provided, to prevent any person, the university,
any university employee, any university employee organizations,
the academy, any academy employees, any academy employee
organizations, the ~~veational-teechnical--institutes~~ technical
colleges, any ~~veational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college

1 employee, any ~~veeational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college
2 employee organizations; or any bargaining agent from engaging in
3 any of the prohibited acts enumerated in section 1027. This power
4 shall not be affected by any other means of adjustment or
5 prevention that has been or may be established by agreement, law
6 or otherwise.

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8 **Sec. 74. 26 MRSA §1029, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL
9 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §68, is amended to read:

11 2. **Complaints.** The university, any university employee, any
12 university employee organization, the academy, any academy
13 employee, any academy employee organization, the
14 ~~veeational-teechnical---institutes~~ technical colleges, any
15 ~~veeational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college employee, any
16 ~~veeational-teechnical--institute~~ technical college employee
17 organization, or any bargaining agent which believes that any
18 person, the university, any university employee, any university
19 employee organization, the academy, any academy employee, any
20 academy employee organization, the ~~veeational-teechnical~~
21 ~~institutes~~ technical colleges, any ~~veeational-teechnical--institute~~
22 technical college employee, any ~~veeational-teechnical--institute~~
23 technical college employee organization or any bargaining agent
24 has engaged in or is engaging in any such prohibited practice may
25 file a complaint with the executive director of the board stating
26 the charges in that regard. No such complaint shall be filed with
27 the executive director until the complaining party shall have
28 served a copy thereof upon the party named in the complaint. Upon
29 receipt of such complaint, the executive director or his a
30 designee shall review the charge to determine whether the facts
31 as alleged may constitute a prohibited act. If it is determined
32 that the facts do not, as a matter of law, constitute a
33 violation, the charge shall be dismissed by the executive
34 director, subject to review by the board. If a formal hearing is
35 deemed necessary by the executive director or by the board, the
36 executive director shall serve upon the parties to the complaint
37 a notice of the prehearing conference and of the hearing for the
38 prehearing conference or the hearing, as appropriate, provided
39 that no hearing shall be held based upon any alleged prohibited
40 practice occurring more than 6 months prior to the filing of the
41 complaint with the executive director. The party complained of
42 shall have the right to file a written answer to the complaint
43 and to appear in person or otherwise and give testimony at the
44 place and time fixed for the hearing. In the discretion of the
45 board, any other person or organization may be allowed to
46 intervene in that proceeding and to present testimony. Nothing in
47 this subsection may restrict the right of the board to require
48 the executive director or his a designee to hold a prehearing
49 conference on any prohibited practice complaint prior to the
50 hearing before the board and taking whatever action, including
51 dismissal, attempting to resolve disagreements between the
parties or recommending an order to the board, as he the

1 executive director or a designee may deem appropriate, subject to
review by the board.

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5 **Sec. 75. 26 MRSA §1029, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL
1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §69, is amended to read:

7 6. **Simultaneous injunctive relief.** Whenever a complaint is
filed with the executive director of the board alleging that the
9 university, academy or ~~veational-technical-institutes~~ technical
colleges have violated section 1027, subsection 1, paragraph F,
11 or alleging that an employee, employee organization or bargaining
agent of the university, academy or ~~veational-technical~~
13 ~~institutes~~ technical colleges have violated section 1027,
subsection 2, paragraph C, the party making the complaint may
15 simultaneously seek injunctive relief from the Superior Court in
the county in which the prohibited practice is alleged to have
17 occurred pending the final adjudication of the board with respect
to such matter.

19 **Sec. 76. 26 MRSA §1031**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985,
21 c. 737, Pt. A, §70, is amended to read:

23 **§1031. Scope of binding contract arbitration**

25 A collective bargaining agreement between the university,
the academy or the ~~veational-technical--institutes~~ technical
27 colleges and a bargaining agent may provide for binding
arbitration as the final step of a grievance procedure but the
29 only grievances which may be taken to such binding arbitration
shall be disputes between the parties as to the meaning or
31 application of the specific terms of collective bargaining
agreement. An arbitrator with the power to make binding decisions
33 pursuant to any such provisions shall have no authority to add
to, subtract from or modify the collective bargaining agreement.

35 **Sec. 77. 26 MRSA §1034, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 497,
37 §19 and c. 506, Pt. B, §34, is further amended to read:

39 2. **No restriction on eligibility for federal grant-in-aid**
or assistance programs. Nothing in this chapter or any contract
41 negotiated pursuant to this chapter may in any way be interpreted
or allowed to restrict or impair the eligibility of the
43 university, any of its campuses or units, academy or
~~veational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges in obtaining
45 the benefits under any federal grant-in-aid or assistance
programs.

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49 **Sec. 78. 26 MRSA §1452**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987,
c. 769, Pt. A, §107, is amended to read:

1 **§1452. Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee**

3 The Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee,
5 as established by Title 5, chapter 379, shall support the
7 development, maintenance and operation of the Comprehensive
9 Career, Occupational and Economic Data-based System and foster
11 communication and coordination of education, employment and
13 training programs through the use of the system. The committee
15 shall consist of the Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Human
17 Services, Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services,
19 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, Director of
21 the State Planning Office and the ~~Chairmen~~ chairs of the Maine
23 Human Resource Development Council, the State Board of Education
and the Board of Trustees of the ~~Maine Vocational-Technical~~
Institute Technical College System. The Commissioner of Labor
and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services may
serve as the representatives of the ~~Chairmen~~ chairs of the Maine
Human Resource Development Council and the State Board of
Education, respectively, upon the agreement of that designation
by the Maine Human Resource Development Council and the State
Board of Education. The Commissioner of Labor shall be the
chairman of the committee, with the Department of Labor serving
as the fiscal agent for the committee.

25 **Sec. 79. 26 MRSA §2005, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
27 471, §4 and c. 542, Pt. F, §4, is amended to read:

29 B. Six representatives of state bodies. The Commissioner
31 of Labor, the Commissioner of Human Services, the
33 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services and the
35 Director of the State Development Office shall also serve as
members. The 2 additional members shall each represent the
University of Maine System and the ~~Maine~~
Vocational-Technical-Institute Technical College System;

37 **Sec. 80. 26 MRSA §2155, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
777, §3, is amended to read:

39 B. Skill training shall be provided by quality training
41 providers such as the State's ~~vocational-technical~~
institutes technical colleges.

43 **Sec. 81. 30 MRSA §4967, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 766,
45 §10, is amended to read:

47 5. Training and certification of code enforcement
49 officers. In cooperation with the ~~Vocational-Technical-Institute~~
Technical College System and the Department of Human Services,
51 the office shall establish a continuing education program for
people individuals engaged in code enforcement. This program
shall provide basic and advanced training in the technical and
legal aspects of code enforcement necessary for certification,

1 including, but not limited to, plumbing inspection, soils and
3 site evaluation, electrical inspection, state and federal
environmental requirements, zoning ordinances, court techniques
and other enforcement information.

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6 **Sec. 82. 32 MRSA §1101, sub-§4-A**, as amended by PL 1987, c.
7 395, Pt. B, §4, is further amended to read:

9 **4-A. Supervision.** Each One apprentice electrician or one
10 helper electrician may work with and under the supervision of
11 each master electrician, limited electrician or journeyman
12 ~~electrician may have one apprentice electrician or one helper~~
13 ~~electrician working with him and under his personal supervision.~~
A master electrician, who teaches an electrical course at a Maine
15 regional vocational-technical center, a Maine vocational region
or a Maine vocational-technical institute technical college, may
17 have a maximum of 12 helper electricians under his direct
supervision while making electrical installations which are a
19 part of the instructional program of the school, provided that
the total value of each installation does not exceed \$1,000. No
21 electrical installation may be commenced pursuant to this
subsection without the prior approval of the director or
23 president of the school at which the master electrician is an
instructor. These installations are limited to those done in
25 buildings or facilities owned or controlled by:

27 A. School administrative units;

29 B. Nonprofit organizations; and

31 C. Households as defined in Title 36, section 6103, where
the household income as defined in that section is within
33 the limits established for one or 2 member households by
Title 36, section 6108, except that if there are more than 2
35 members in a household, an additional \$500 of household
income shall be allowed for each additional member of the
37 household in computing the income limitation and provided
that the household is owner-occupied.

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40 The Electricians' Examining Board and the municipal electrical
41 inspector of the municipality in which the installation is to be
made, if the municipality has an inspector, shall be notified of
43 all installation projects entered into pursuant to this
subsection prior to the commencement of the project. There shall
45 be an inspection by a state electrical inspector or by the
municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which the
47 installation has been made, if the municipality has an inspector,
before any wiring on the project is concealed.

49
50 **Sec. 83. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by
51 PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §120, is amended to read:

1 A. For a journeyman electrician's license, a person must:

3 (1) Complete at least 8,000 hours of service as an
5 apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000
7 hours of experience in electrical installations, as
9 defined in section 1101, and satisfactorily complete a
11 program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by
13 the Electricians' Examining Board or from an accredited
15 institution. The 576 hours shall consist of 225 hours
of required study, including an approved course of not
less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical
Code; and 351 hours of elective study, comprised of all
trade-related electives or 225 hours of trade-related
courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses;

17 (2) Be a graduate of an accredited regional vocational
19 high school 2-year electrical program, have worked for
21 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations
under the supervision of a master electrician or the
equivalent and have completed a course of not less than
45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the
course to be approved by the board;

23 (3) Be a graduate of an accredited Maine
25 ~~veational-technical---institute~~ technical college
27 electrical program, have worked for 4,000 hours in the
29 field of electrical installations under the supervision
of a master electrician or the equivalent and have
completed a course of not less than 45 hours in the
current National Electrical Code, the course to be
approved by the board. Persons qualifying under this
paragraph may write the journeyman's examination upon
graduation if application is made within one year of
graduation; or

35 (4) Be an electrical apprentice registered with the
37 Maine State Apprenticeship and Training Council and
39 have completed 576 hours of related instruction, as
41 defined in this paragraph, prescribed in their
43 apprenticeship program, the 8,000-hour approved program
and a course of not less than 45 hours in the current
National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by
the board. Persons qualifying under this paragraph may
write the journeyman's examination after completion of
the 576 hours of instruction, if application is made
within one year of the completion of the instruction.

47 **Sec. 84. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
49 395, Pt. B, §7, is amended to read:

51 D. For a journeyman-in-training electricians' license, a
53 person must be a graduate of an accredited Maine
~~veational-technical-institute~~ technical college electrical

1 program, receive a passing grade on the journeyman
2 examination and complete 2,000 hours of experience. This
3 provision shall be reviewed by the joint standing committee
4 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business
5 legislation by March 1, 1991, and, unless continued by law,
6 shall terminate at this time.

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8 **Sec. 85. 32 MRSA §1202, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 735,
9 §55, is further amended to read:

11 2. **Apprentice or helper.** The board may issue a license
12 upon payment of an annual fee as adopted by the board, not to
13 exceed \$20, to any person who applies therefor, without
14 examination, provided such applicant submits evidence
15 satisfactory to the board that he the applicant has entered the
16 employ of a licensed electrician as an apprentice electrician or
17 to assist him a licensed electrician as an electrician's helper
18 or is a full-time student in an electrical course at a regional
19 vocational-technical center, a Maine vocational region, or a
20 ~~vocational-technical-institute~~ technical college. Any such person
21 employed by an electrician as an apprentice for the purpose of
22 qualifying for any license mentioned in section 1203, or as
23 electrician's helper, shall apply for a license as such
24 immediately after commencing such employment or immediately after
25 starting school in an electrical course.

27 **Sec. 86. 32 MRSA §2261, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 819,
28 Pt. A, §§33 and 34, is further amended to read:

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30 1. **Commission established.** There is established a the
31 Commission on Nursing Supply and Educational Accessibility. This
32 commission shall be composed of 15 persons appointed by the
33 Governor, with 2 members representing the general public and 13
34 members representing respectively the Maine State Nurses'
35 Association, the Maine Council of Nursing Service Administrators,
36 the Maine Hospital Association, the Maine Society for Hospital
37 Personnel Administrators, the Maine Licensed Practical Nurses'
38 Association, the Maine Community Health Association, the State
39 Board of Nursing, Maine Health Care Association Longterm Care
40 Nursing Council, Consortium United Maine Nurses, public
41 baccalaureate nursing education, private baccalaureate nursing
42 education, ~~Vocational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges and
43 Maine Council of Associate Degree Nursing Programs. All regions
44 of the State must be fairly represented. Appointments shall be
45 for 3-year terms, except that no more than 3 members' terms may
46 expire in any one calendar year and appointments for terms of
47 less than 3 years may be made in order to comply with this
48 limitation.

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50 **Sec. 87. 32 MRSA §2261, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
51 724, §29, is amended to read:

1 C. The extent that credits are transferable between
2 ~~vocational-technical-institutes~~ technical colleges and the
3 university system and whether full credit for courses will
4 be granted toward a baccalaureate degree;

5 **Sec. 88. 32 MRSA §2311, sub-§7**, as repealed and replaced by PL
6 1985, c. 389, §13, is amended to read:

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8 7. **Journeyman oil burner technician.** "Journeyman oil
9 burner technician" means any person licensed under this chapter
10 to install, clean, service, alter or repair oil burning
11 equipment. A journeyman oil burner technician shall install oil
12 burning equipment only under the supervision of a master oil
13 burner technician licensed under this chapter and shall at all
14 times be under the supervision of, or in the employ of, a master
15 oil burner technician licensed under this chapter. Applicants for
16 a license of this classification shall present evidence
17 ~~satisfactory~~ satisfactory to the board of at least one year's
18 practical ~~experience~~, or completion of a course at a Maine
19 ~~vocational-technical-institute~~ technical college or comparable
20 institute from another state, provided that the course has been
21 approved by the board and the applicant presents evidence of 6
22 months' practical experience.

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24 **Sec. 89. 32 MRSA §3501, sub-§2, ¶B**, as repealed and replaced by
25 PL 1983, c. 468, §17, is amended to read:

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27 B. A minimum of 2,000 hours of work in the field of
28 plumbing installations as a journeyman-in-training under the
29 supervision of a master plumber, provided that the work
30 experience is obtained within 4 years of the date upon which
31 the applicant was issued his a journeyman-in-training
32 license. A journeyman-in-training license shall be issued
33 upon sworn application therefor to any person who has
34 satisfactorily completed one academic year of instruction in
35 plumbing at a Maine ~~vocational-technical-institute~~ technical
36 college and who has obtained a passing grade, as determined
37 by the board on the journeyman's examination. Any person
38 who is enrolled in a course of instruction in plumbing at a
39 Maine vocational-technical institute on July 1, 1983, may be
40 licensed as a journeyman upon successful completion of that
41 course of instruction and passage of the journeyman's
42 examination.

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44 **Sec. 90. 32 MRSA §8105, sub-§7-A, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1987,
45 c. 602, §2, is further amended to read:

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47 D. Possesses a minimum of 6 years of preparation consisting
48 of a combination of:

1 (1) Work experience, including at least 2 years in a
3 nonclerical occupation related to law or the criminal
justice system; and

5 (2) Educational experience, including at least:

7 (a) Sixty academic credits of post-secondary
education acquired at an accredited junior
9 college, college or university; or

11 (b) An associate degree in law enforcement, based
13 on 2 years of post-secondary instruction,
conferred by an established ~~vocational-technical~~
15 institute technical college; and

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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21 The purpose of this bill is to change the name of the
vocational-technical institutes to technical colleges and to have
23 each technical college administered by a president rather than a
director.