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Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative SMALL of Bath, Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Require Preadmission and Post-Graduation Assessment Exams for University of Maine System Students.

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

Sec. 1. Implementation of student assessment system of the University of Maine System. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall develop and implement a system of entry-level, graduation and post graduation assessment for University of Maine System students. The student assessment system shall be implemented by September 1, 1990.

Sec. 2. Entry-level assessment. The student assessment system shall ensure that entry-level students demonstrate proficiency in basic skills before enrolling in a college-level course of study. Under the system, the basic skills of all entering freshmen shall be assessed to determine whether an individual student will be placed in a college-level course of study or in a remedial or developmental program in one or more subject areas. The entry-level assessment shall include, at a minimum, reading, writing and mathematics skills testing.

Sec. 3. Graduation and post-graduation assessment. The student assessment system shall provide for the assessment, at the time 21 of graduation, of basic intellectual skills, general education and the major field of knowledge of students by means of 23 assessment or achievement examinations. The system shall include 25 process whereby student assessment is continued а after graduation through monitoring post-graduation educational, 27 professional or other licensing and labor market experiences of graduates of the University of Maine System.

Sec. 4. Report to the Legislature. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall submit a report, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Legislature on or before December 1, 1989. The report shall include guidelines and recommendations necessary to the implementation of the student assessment system.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the implementation of a student assessment system in the University of Maine System by the 1990-91 school year. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall develop a system to ensure the entry-level, graduation and post-graduation assessment of students.

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