

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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No. 1552

H.P. 1120

House of Representatives, May 8, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville, Representative PARADIS of Old Town and Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Utilize French Heritage in Maine and to Create the
Francophone Center.



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

3 **Sec. 1. Advisory committee established.** There is established
4 the Advisory Committee to the Francophone Center within the
5 University of Maine System. This committee shall be composed of
6 the following 15 members who shall have an interest in the
7 preservation and utilization of Franco-American heritage and
8 represent a broad geographical cross section of the State: 10
9 Legislators, 5 of whom shall be appointed by the President of the
10 Senate and 5 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
11 House of Representatives; and 5 members appointed by the
12 Governor. The duties of the committee shall include facilitating
13 the development of international educational programs in French
14 and advising the Francophone Center on matters concerning
15 programming, planning and funding.

17 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
18 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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20 **1989-90**

21 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

23 All Other \$500,000

25 Provides \$400,000 for the creation of the
26 Francophone Center within the University of
27 Maine System and \$100,000 to the University
28 of Maine at Fort Kent for preservation of
29 Franco-American heritage.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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36 This bill provides funds for the establishment of a
37 Francophone Center within the University of Maine System. The
38 purpose of this center is to establish programs to attract and
39 educate French-speaking students from other countries and enhance
40 and expand the French language skills of the students and faculty
41 of the University of Maine. The center will develop programs to
42 teach educational courses in various disciplines, using French as
43 the language of instruction. The center will also develop
44 opportunities for students to study in other countries where
45 French is spoken and facilitate the preservation and maintenance
46 of the French language and French heritage. The bill provides
47 for the creation of an advisory committee to help implement the
48 goals of the center.
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1 The bill also provides funds for the University of Maine at
2 Fort Kent, to be used to facilitate the preservation of
3 Franco-American heritage.