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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 112, L.D. 155, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Statewide Area Health Education Centers System"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 7-B and inserting in its place the following:

<u>'7-B.</u>	<u>Maine Area</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>20-A MRSA</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>§12856'</u>
	<u>Education</u>		
	<u>Centers</u>		
	<u>Advisory</u>		
	<u>Committee</u>		

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§12851." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Committee. "Committee" means the Maine Area Health Education Centers Advisory Committee described in section 12856.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§12851." by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Center. "Center" means a community-based area health education center that is designated in accordance with section 12857 or that exists on the effective date of this chapter and contracts with the system.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out those parts designated "§12852." and "§12853." and inserting in their place the following:

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14 §12852. System designation

The Area Health Education Center at the University of New England is designated as the system. The system operates statewide and consists of a program office at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, the committee and centers. The statewide consortium for health professions education and any regional area health education center that exists on the effective date of this chapter or any merged or successor entities of those agencies that meet federal area health education center requirements may become part of the system by contractual agreement.

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26 §12853. Mission

The mission of the system is to improve the distribution, supply, quality, utilization and efficiency of health personnel in underserved geographical, cultural or medical specialty areas of the State by encouraging the regionalization and decentralization of educational responsibilities, and to develop culturally appropriate clinical curriculums at participating health professions schools. The system shall implement educational system incentives to attract and retain health care personnel in underserved areas and for underserved cultural groups through the:

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1. Preceptorships. Development and implementation of preceptorships and other education programs in underserved areas and with underserved cultural groups;

2. Recruitment. Development and implementation of strategies to recruit representatives from underserved geographical and cultural areas into the health professions;

3. Retention. Development and implementation of strategies to encourage health professionals to practice and to remain in practice in underserved geographical, cultural and medical specialty areas; and

4. Linkage. Development and implementation of strategies to link cultural and educational resources of communities to the educational resources of participating health professions schools.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§12854." in subsection 1 in the last line (page 2, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "served" the following: 'geographical, cultural and medical specialty'

2 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
3 "§12854." in subsection 2 in the first and 2nd lines (page 2,
4 lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a
5 statewide plan" and inserting in its place the following:
6 'strategies'

8 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
9 "§12854." in subsection 3 in the first line (page 2, line 26 in
10 L.D.) by striking out the following: "statewide"

12 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
13 "§12854." in subsection 4 in the first and 2nd lines (page 2,
14 lines 31 and 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "a
15 statewide plan" and inserting in its place the following: 'and
16 implement strategies'

18 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
19 "§12854." by striking out all of subsections 5 and 6 and
20 inserting in their place the following:

22 '5. Contracts. Establish contractual relationships to
23 carry out system plans with health profession education programs,
24 the statewide consortium for health professions education, and
25 centers;

26 '6. Assistance to centers. Provide technical and
27 administrative services to the centers and the statewide
28 consortium for health professions education;'

30 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
31 "§12854." in subsection 9 in the 3rd line (page 3 line 6 in L.D.)
32 by striking out the following: "Senate." and inserting in its
33 place the following: "Senate and" and in the 4th and 5th lines
34 (page 3 lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
35 "and the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of
36 Maine"

38 Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of
39 those parts designated "§12855." "§12856." and "§12857." and
40 inserting in their place the following:

42 '§12855. Director

44 The University of New England, with the advice of the
45 committee, shall appoint a system director who meets federal area
46 health education center requirements. The director is
47 responsible for the administration of the system in accordance
48 with policies established under this chapter.

50 '§12856. Maine Area Health Education Centers Advisory Committee

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1. Duties. The committee, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 7-B, shall:

A. Establish priorities that direct the system's attention to underserved areas, populations and medical specialties;

B. Designate regions for the development of new centers;

C. Facilitate the coordination of system programming with other appropriate state health and education initiatives;

D. Allocate within the system any state resources that become available; and

E. Advise the director regarding system administration and the system's education and evaluation efforts.

2. Membership. The committee's members are:

A. The chair of each center and of the statewide consortium for health professions education or the chairs' designees;

B. One representative from each participating health professions education institution appointed by the chief executive officer of the institution;

C. The director of the division of higher education services, Department of Human Services, who is a nonvoting member;

D. The director of the division of health planning, Department of Human Services, who is a nonvoting member;

E. The deputy director for planning, Department of Labor, who is a nonvoting member;

F. One representative from an association of family practice residency directors, appointed by the association;

G. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief executive officer's designee, who is a nonvoting member;

H. Representatives from the professional associations of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing and allied health professions who must be invited by the director to serve as members if those associations participate in the system;

I. One representative of a statewide hospital association;

2 J. One representative of a statewide ambulatory care
3 association;

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5 K. Four members of the public who are knowledgeable about
6 the delivery of health care in the State, at least 2 of whom
7 must represent underserved cultural populations, to be
8 appointed by the Governor; and

9 L. The director, who is a nonvoting member.

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11 3. Terms of office. Appointed members serve at the
12 pleasure of those who have the authority to appoint them except
13 that the Governor's appointees serve for terms of 3 years. The
14 Governor's appointees may be reappointed to subsequent terms.

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16 4. Chair. The director shall call the first meeting of the
17 committee and the committee shall elect a chair from among its
18 members. The committee shall elect a chair annually.

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20 5. Staff. The director or the director's designee shall
21 provide staff assistance to the committee.

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23 6. Expenses. No compensation or reimbursement for expenses
24 is authorized.

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28 §12857. Area health education centers; statewide consortium
29 for health professions education

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31 The committee may designate centers and their service areas
32 and must provide authorization before the director enters into
33 contracts with any center, the statewide consortium for health
34 professions education or other providers.

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36 Each center is an autonomous unit of the system. Each
37 center must be exempt from federal income taxation under the
38 United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(a),
39 pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
40 Section 501(c)(3). Each center must have a governing board that
41 includes a balance of health care providers or health profession
42 educators and individuals who reflect the ethnic, cultural and
43 geographical characteristics of the center's service area.

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45 Centers and the statewide consortium for health professions
46 education are responsible to the system only for the programs and
47 initiatives they agree to provide through contracts with the
48 system and may develop initiatives, programs and contracts with
49 other public and private agencies and educational institutions.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'§12859. Relationship of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System to other area health education center systems

This chapter does not prohibit an existing or proposed area health education center program from operating in the State separate from the system.

FISCAL NOTE

The bill creates the Maine Area Health Education Centers Advisory Committee. No additional state funding is required as no compensation or reimbursement is authorized and staffing must be provided by the University of New England. The cost and additional workload of the 3 commission members representing state agencies can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of those agencies.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment removes the Area Health Education Centers System from the Finance Authority of Maine and designates the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine as the location of the system.

The amendment also makes several changes to clarify that existing health education programs are not required to become part of the system.

The amendment also changes the name and membership of the advisory body to the system and eliminates the authorization for expenses to its members.

The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Human Resources
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