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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 716, L.D. 973, Bill, "An Act to Improve Maine Students' Preparedness for the Global Economy by Enhancing Opportunities for Global Education"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Improve Maine Students' Preparedness for the Global Economy by Enhancing Opportunities for Global and Geographic Education'

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Committee for Global Education is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 1995; and

Whereas, authorization of the committee must continue without interruption; and

Whereas, the activities required by this legislation must begin before 90 days after adjournment of the legislative session; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

6	<u>9-A.</u>	<u>Maine</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>20-A MRSA</u>
	<u>Education</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>§9801</u>
8		<u>for Global</u>		
		<u>and Geographic</u>		
10		<u>Education</u>		

12 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 329 is enacted to read:

14 CHAPTER 329
 16 GLOBAL AND GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION

18 §9801. Maine Committee for Global and Geographic Education

20 1. Committee. The Maine Committee for Global and
Geographic Education, referred to in this chapter as the
"committee," is established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-G,
subsection 9-A to promote and support school-based model programs
in all regions of the State.

24 2. Membership. The committee consists of 19 members
appointed as follows:

28 A. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
or the commissioner's designee;

30 B. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
designee;

32 C. Three postsecondary education employees: one from the
University of Maine System chosen by the Governor from a
list of nominees supplied by the Chancellor of the
University of Maine System; one from the Maine Technical
College System chosen by the President of the Senate from a
list of nominees supplied by the President of the Maine
Technical College System; and one from the Maine Maritime
Academy chosen by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives from a list of nominees supplied by the
President of the Maine Maritime Academy;

34 D. One member of the Maine School Management Association
appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of
nominees supplied by the Maine School Management Association;

36 E. Two members of the Maine Education Association, one
appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed

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2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list
of nominees supplied by the Maine Education Association;

4 F. One member of the Maine Principals' Association, or its
successor organization, appointed by the Governor from a
6 list of nominees supplied by that organization;

8 G. One member of the Maine Development Foundation appointed
by the President of the Senate from a list of nominees
10 supplied by the Maine Development Foundation;

12 H. One member of the Maine World Trade Association
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
14 from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine World Trade
Association;

16 I. One member of the World Affairs Council of Maine, or its
18 successor organization, appointed by the Speaker of the
House of Representatives from a list of nominees supplied by
20 that organization;

22 J. One representative of the general public appointed by
the Governor;

24 K. One employee of an independent college in the State
26 appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees supplied
by the President of the Maine Independent College
28 Association, or its successor organization;

30 L. Two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate,
one of whom must serve on the joint standing committee of
32 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters;

34 M. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by
the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom
36 must serve on the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development
38 matters; and

40 N. A representative of the Maine Geographic Alliance, or
its successor organization, appointed by the Governor from a
42 list of nominees supplied by that organization.

44 3. Terms of office. Members of the committee under
subsection 2, paragraphs A and B are ex officio. Members of the
46 committee appointed under subsection 2, paragraphs L and M serve
at the pleasure of the appointing authority. All other members
48 serve for terms of 3 years. Members may be reappointed and
vacancies must be filled by the appointing authority for the
50 remainder of the vacant term.

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4. Chair; cochair. The committee shall choose a chair and a cochair from among its members.

5. Quorum. A majority of the committee constitutes a quorum.

§9802. Duties of committee

The committee has the following duties.

1. Work with departments. With assistance from the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Education, the committee shall:

A. Identify existing innovative educational programs and businesses in the State wishing to work with educators; and

B. Provide clearinghouse information to teachers, school systems, businesses, researchers and others requesting information on exemplary education programs.

2. Regional committees. The committee shall encourage regional partnerships and other organizations promoting excellence in education and lifelong learning to include global and geographic education on the committee agenda.

3. Exhibits. The committee may sponsor exhibits of exemplary education programs and help teachers develop resources for development.

4. Exchange programs. The committee shall encourage the use and expansion of international exchange programs.

5. Partnerships. The committee shall create partnerships of public and private organizations to use individual, corporate, education and cultural resources to enhance global education in the schools. The committee shall seek involvement from the following organizations or their successors, the World Affairs Council of Maine, the Maine Economic Growth Council, the Maine World Trade Association, the Maine Council for Economic Education, the Maine Development Foundation, the Maine Geographic Alliance and sister state and city exchange programs.

6. Grants. The committee may make grants to elementary and secondary schools to improve the skills and knowledge of students for living and working in the increasingly global economy and to achieve outcomes consistent with Goals 2000, state learning results and economic development goals of the State. Grants must also be made available for professional development for teachers in global and geographic education.

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2 7. Funds. The Maine Geographic Alliance, or its successor
3 organization, is the fiscal agent for the Maine Committee for
4 Global and Geographic Education and shall provide administrative,
5 staff and other services to enable the committee to carry out its
6 duties. The services must be specified by contract with the
7 committee and funded by the Maine Geographic Alliance with funds
8 appropriated to the alliance for this purpose.

10 **§9803. Report**

12 The committee shall report annually to the Governor and to
13 the Legislature on the results of its activities during the year
14 including any recommendations to further the purpose of this
15 chapter.

16 **Sec. 3. Transition.** This Act provides for the continuation of
17 the Maine Committee for Global Education originally established
18 in Resolve 1991, chapter 34. Members of the Maine Committee for
19 Global Education appointed pursuant to Resolve 1991, chapter 34,
20 Private and Special Law 1991, chapter 84 and Resolve 1993,
21 chapter 23 continue to serve until their successors are appointed.

22 **Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
23 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1995-96	1996-97
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30 **Maine Committee for Global and
31 Geographic Education**

All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
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36 Provides funds for grants to
37 elementary and secondary
38 schools to develop education
39 for living and working in the
40 global economy.

41 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
42 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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1995-96

1996-97

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund

\$60,000

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The Department of Educational and Cultural Services and the Department of Economic and Community Development will incur some minor additional costs to provide assistance to the Maine Committee for Global and Geographic Education. These costs can be absorbed within the departments' existing budgeted resources.

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The minor additional costs to participate on the committee can be absorbed within the existing budgeted resources of the member state departments and agencies.

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The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$60,000 annually in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97 to the committee to provide grants to public schools.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment makes changes to the membership of the Maine Committee for Global Education, changes the name of the committee to the Maine Committee for Global and Geographic Education and makes minor changes to the duties of the committee. The amendment designates the Maine Geographic Alliance as the fiscal and administrative agent for the committee.

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The amendment adds an appropriation of \$60,000 from the General Fund to be matched by a grant of the same amount from the National Geographic Society. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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