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House of Representatives, March 23, 1995

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

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AULT of Wayne, CLOUTIER of South Portland, JONES of Bar Harbor.

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

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

8 **Whereas,** authorization of the committee should continue
without interruption; and

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

14 **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
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

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

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

24 **9-A.** **Maine** **Expenses** **20-A MRSA**
Education Committee Only §9801
26 for Global
 Education

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

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32 **CHAPTER 329**
 GLOBAL EDUCATION

34 **§9801. Maine Committee for Global Education**

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

42 **2. Membership.** The committee consists of 18 members
appointed as follows:

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

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

- 2 C. Three postsecondary education employees: one from the
3 University of Maine System chosen by the Governor from a
4 list of nominees supplied by the Chancellor of the
5 University of Maine System; one from the Maine Technical
6 College System chosen by the President of the Senate from a
7 list of nominees supplied by the President of the Maine
8 Technical College System; and one from the Maine Maritime
9 Academy chosen by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives from a list of nominees supplied by the
11 President of the Maine Maritime Academy;
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- 13 D. One member of the Maine School Management Association
14 appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of
15 nominees supplied by the Maine School Management Association;
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- 17 E. Two members of the Maine Education Association, one
18 appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed
19 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from a list
20 of nominees supplied by the Maine Education Association;
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- 22 F. One former member of the former Commission on Maine's
23 Future appointed by the Governor;
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- 25 G. One member of the Maine Development Foundation appointed
26 by the President of the Senate, from a list of nominees
27 supplied by the Maine Development Foundation;
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- 29 H. One member of the Maine World Trade Association
30 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
31 from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine World Trade
32 Association;
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- 34 I. One member of the Maine Council for Economic Education
35 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
36 from a list of nominees supplied by the Maine Council for
37 Economic Education;
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- 39 J. One employee of an independent college in the State
40 appointed by the Governor, from a list of nominees supplied
41 by the President of the Maine Independent College
42 Association;
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- 44 K. Two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate,
45 one of whom must serve on the joint standing committee of
46 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters;
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- 48 L. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by
49 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom
50 must serve on the joint standing committee of the

2 Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development
matters; and

4 M. A representative of the Maine Geographic Alliance
appointed by the Governor, from a list of nominees supplied
6 by the Executive Director of the Maine Geographic Alliance.

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

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

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

22 **§9802. Duties of the committee**

24 The committee has the following duties.

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

30 A. Identify existing innovative educational programs and
businesses in the State wishing to work with educators; and
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34 B. Provide clearinghouse information to teachers, school
systems, businesses, researchers and others requesting
information on exemplary education programs.
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38 2. Regional committees. The committee shall create
regional committees of teachers, business and labor leaders,
higher education representatives and private citizens to assist
40 in the development of global and economic education in schools,
businesses and civic organizations.
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44 3. Exhibits. The committee shall sponsor exhibits of
exemplary education programs and help teachers develop resources
for development.
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48 4. Coordination and collaboration. The committee shall
coordinate and, when practicable, collaborate on programs
sponsored by the Maine Council on Economic Education and the
50 Maine Development Foundation.

2 5. Exchange programs. The committee shall encourage the
development of new international exchange programs.

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

14 7. Grants. The committee shall make grants to elementary
and secondary schools to improve the skills and knowledge of
16 students and teachers for living and working in the increasingly
global economy and to achieve outcomes consistent with Goals
18 2000, core curriculum standards and economic development goals of
the State.

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22 8. Funds. The committee may seek and receive public and
private funds to conduct its activities under this chapter,
24 including administering the grant program authorized by
subsection 7.

26 **§9803. Report**

28 The committee shall report annually to the Governor and to
the Legislature the results of its activities during the year
30 including any recommendations to further the purpose of this
chapter.

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34 **Sec. 3. Transition.** This Act provides for the continuation of
the Maine Committee for Global Education originally established
in Resolves 1991, chapter 34. Members of the Committee for
36 Global Education appointed pursuant to Resolves 1991, chapter 34,
Private and Special Laws 1991, chapter 84 and Resolves 1993,
38 chapter 23 continue to serve until their successors are appointed.

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

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 This bill provides for the continuation of the Maine
Committee for Global Education past its scheduled sunset on June
48 30, 1995. The committee is authorized to make grants to
elementary and secondary schools for the purpose of improving
50 student and teacher skills and knowledge for living and working
in the global economy.