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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 263, L.D. 327, Bill, "An Act to Expand Access to Maine's Technical Colleges"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 3 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Matching appropriation.** The \$1,800,000 appropriation provided to the Maine Technical College System by section 2 of this Act must be matched by an equal amount raised by the system through a fund-raising campaign between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1999. Each college must raise funds equal to at least 50% of the state funds identified for that college. For purposes of this Act, matching funds may be in the form of cash, grants, equipment or supplies. If the system is unable to raise the entire \$1,800,000 in matching funds, the system shall return to the State by June 30, 1999 the portion of this appropriation that the system is unable to match. The funds must be used to increase system enrollment by 500 students.

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

1998-99

MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM,  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Maine Technical College System -  
Board of Trustees

All Other \$1,800,000

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Provides funds that, when matched by an  
3 equal amount raised by the colleges through  
4 a fund-raising campaign, will be used to  
5 increase system enrollment by 500 students.'

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7 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
8 summary the following:

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 **1998-99**

14 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

16 General Fund \$1,800,000

18 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of  
19 \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the Maine Technical College  
20 System, which, when matched with an additional \$1,800,000 to be  
21 raised through a fund raising campaign, will be used to increase  
22 student enrollment by 500 new students. The timing and the  
23 amount of the distribution of funds to individual system colleges  
24 will depend on each college's ability to meet the matching  
25 requirements for that college. Any appropriation amount that is  
26 unmatched at the end of fiscal year 1998-99 must be returned to  
27 the General Fund.'

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30 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment clarifies the matching requirements  
33 pertaining to the Maine Technical College System appropriation.  
34 The system may include donations in the form of cash, grants,  
35 equipment and supplies as matching funds and must return any  
36 unmatched portion of appropriation funds to the State by June 30,  
1999. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.