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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1114, L.D. 1557, Bill, "An Act to Create Efficient and Effective Administration of the University of Maine System"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Alumni members. The Governor shall make every effort to appoint to the Board of Trustees, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and confirmation by the Senate, 7 alumni members, one from each of the universities in the system.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4-B, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §§189 and 190, is further amended to read:

Section 4-B. Duties of the Board of Trustees, chancellor and heads of the various campuses.

1. Board of Trustees; duties. ~~The board-of-trustees~~ Board of Trustees, in consultation with the chancellor, ~~shall-be~~ is the governing and planning body of the university and in addition ~~shall-have~~ has responsibility for preparing and approving the

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operating and capital budgets of the university and presenting them in accordance with the direction in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1665, and Title 5, chapter 153. In fulfilling its duties, the Board of Trustees shall:

A. Support and enhance the system and the mission of the system;

B. Provide sound financial management of the system;

C. Exercise prudent stewardship of the assets of the system;

D. Evaluate the chancellor and presidents appointed by the Board of Trustees pursuant to section 4-A;

E. Plan strategies for programs and allocation of resources that most effectively serve the educational needs of the citizens of this State;

F. Develop and maintain a strong system of accountability to the public for performance results of the system;

G. Visibly advocate higher education as a means to strengthen the economy and communities of the State; and

H. Establish mechanisms for review and approval of system programs.

2. Chancellor and staff members; duties. The chancellor shall exercise such powers and fulfill such responsibilities as shall--be are delegated by the ~~board~~ Board of Trustees. The chancellor may delegate any of such powers and responsibilities to such members of his the chancellor's staff as he--deems necessary. The chancellor is the chief administrative education officer of the system and shall:

A. Provide leadership to the universities in the system in addressing the State's highest priority needs;

B. Establish a vision and planning for the system that:

(1) Provides quality education that is affordable and accessible for the students of this State; and

(2) Strengthens the State's economy for its citizens;

C. Promote system planning, in collaboration with university presidents, for academic affairs, student affairs, outreach and community services programs, financial operations, capital plans and resource allocations;

- 2 D. Prepare all operating and capital budgets, appropriation
- 4 requests and bond issues;
- 6 E. Take an active role in the nomination, appointment and
- 8 evaluation of persons to head the universities and to serve
- 10 in other major staff positions in the system;
- 12 F. Develop and implement an effective statewide public
- 14 relations and legislative program;
- 16 G. Provide a centralized management oversight of services;
- 18 H. Coordinate University of Maine System academic offerings
- 20 to avoid duplication with private and public institutions in
- this State; and
- I. Develop a method to transfer academic credits to all
- universities within the University of Maine System.

22 **3. Head of each campus; duties.** The head of each campus
 24 shall--be is the chief administrative and educational officer
 26 thereof and shall-be is responsible for the ~~day-to-day~~ day-to-day
 28 operation and development of its academic program within the
 30 limits defined by the ~~board-of-trustees~~ Board of Trustees and the
 32 chancellor; and in addition, shall exercise such rights and
 34 privileges as are generally recognized in the administering of
 36 admissions, curriculum development, ~~extra----~~ extracurricular
 38 extracurricular programs, ~~long-range~~ long-range planning within
 40 the framework of the overall university plan, and supervision of
 42 faculty.

34 **5. Boards of visitors; membership; duties; reimbursement.**
 Each of the 7 universities has a board of visitors.

36 A. Each board of visitors consists of up to 20 members
 38 recommended by campus presidents and confirmed by the Board
 40 of Trustees. Membership should reflect the mission of the
 42 university and the region it serves.

- 42 B. Each board of visitors shall:
- 44 (1) Advocate for the university;
 - 46 (2) Raise private funds for the university;
 - 48 (3) Advise the head of each campus on community and
regional needs; and

2 (4) Review for final recommendation to the Board of
3 Trustees tuition increases, new academic programs and
4 the 5-year plan of the university.

5 C. Members of the boards of visitors may receive
6 reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for
7 attendance at meetings of the board. Reimbursement expense
8 for board members must be absorbed within the existing
9 budgeted revenues of the University of Maine System.'

10 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 6 and
11 11.

12 Further amend the bill in section 14 in that part designated
13 "Section 18." in the 4th line (page 6, line 48 in L.D.) by
14 striking out the following: "Regents" and inserting in its place
15 the following: 'Trustees'

16 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 15.

17 Further amend the bill in section 16 in the first line (page
18 7, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Regents" and
19 inserting in its place the following: 'Trustees'

20 Further amend the bill in section 16 in subsection 1 in the
21 first line (page 7, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the
22 following: "Regents" and inserting in its place the following:
23 'Trustees'

24 Further amend the bill in section 16 in subsection 1 in
25 paragraph B in the last line (page 7, line 27 in L.D.) by
26 striking out the following: "and"

27 Further amend the bill in section 16 in subsection 1 in
28 paragraph C in the last line (page 7, line 32 in L.D.) by
29 striking out the following: "." and inserting in its place the
30 following: '; and"

31 Further amend the bill in section 16 in subsection 1 by
32 inserting after paragraph C the following:

33 'D. Study methods employed in other jurisdictions and make
34 recommendations to create a system that is substantially
35 more market-driven.'

36 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 17.

37 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
38 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
39 consecutively.

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

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 The bill creates separate boards of visitors for each of the
7 campuses of the University of Maine System. The additional
10 costs associated with the new board members can be absorbed by
the system within existing budgeted resources.'

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment restores the Board of Trustees as the central
governing body for the University of Maine System. This
18 amendment accomplishes the following:

20 1. Directs the Governor to make every effort to appoint an
alumnus of each of the 7 university campuses to the Board of
22 Trustees;

24 2. Establishes 2 additional duties of the chancellor
regarding the duplication of academic offerings with the State's
26 private and public postsecondary institutions and the transfer of
academic credits between all campuses of the University of Maine
28 System;

30 3. Designates the campus boards as the "boards of
visitors," authorizes each campus president to nominate up to 20
32 board members subject to approval of the Board of Trustees, and
permits board members to be reimbursed for travel and other
34 expenses within the existing resources of the University of Maine
System;

36 4. Directs the Board of Trustees to study methods in other
38 states and make recommendations to create a more market-driven
system; and

40 5. Removes the appropriation section from the bill.

42 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.