

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1597

S.P. 513

In Senate, March 20, 1997

An Act to Make Certain Changes in the University of Maine System to Promote Lifelong Learning.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

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

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**CONCEPT DRAFT
SUMMARY**

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.
This bill seeks to:

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1. Direct the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System to establish a transfer policy that allows students to transfer all general education courses within the University of Maine System from one campus to another without restrictions;

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2. Establish a common academic calendar that enables all of the campuses of the system to be on the same academic schedule;

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3. Establish tuition rates that do not vary more than 10% among the campuses;

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4. Ensure that the Education Network of Maine (ENM) serves as a student-centered instructional delivery system that retains broadcast facilities located at the University of Maine at Augusta, yet provides post-secondary education students across the State with the full range of academic programs and the breadth of faculty expertise that are available at each campus of the University of Maine System; and

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5. Allow no more than 10% of any institution's total budget to be used for administrative purposes and prohibit the average salaries of University of Maine System administrators, including the office of the Chancellor and system-wide services staff, from exceeding the average salary of University of Maine System faculty members who are involved in teaching and research.