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STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1395, L.D. 1949, Bill, "An Act to Allow Maine Technical College System Employees Represented by the Maine Education Association Faculty and Administrative Units to Participate in a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 3. Payment of unfunded liability; administrative costs and retiree health insurance premiums. The Maine Technical College System shall make contributions toward payment of the unfunded liability costs and administrative costs to the Maine State Retirement System and payment of the retiree health insurance premiums to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of Maine Technical College System employees who elect to participate in a defined contribution plan offered by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12722, subsection 2 at the same percentage as the Maine Technical College System contributes on behalf of its employees who are active members of the retirement system.

Sec. 4. Salary increases from collective bargaining. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall work with representatives of the Maine Technical College System and representatives of the technical college bargaining units to develop long-term strategies to create funding methods for future salary increases resulting from the technical college collective bargaining process.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The amendment removes those parts of the bill that would
have shifted certain fixed costs for retiree health insurance,
retirement unfunded liability and Maine State Retirement System
administrative costs from the Maine Technical College System to
other state departments and agencies.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Maine Technical College System
to continue to contribute toward the payment of certain fixed
costs of the Maine State Retirement System and the Department of
Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of system
employees who elect to participate in a defined contribution plan
rather than ending those contributions on either September 1,
1998 or June 30, 1999.

The amendment also directs the Department of Administrative
and Financial Services, the Maine Technical College System and
representatives of the system's bargaining units to work to
develop strategies to create funding methods for future
collectively bargained salary increases.

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