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H.P. 1395

House of Representatives, December 22, 1997

**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.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 18, 1997. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, HATCH of Skowhegan, McELROY of Unity,
RICHARD of Madison, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17652, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

6 3. Certain employees of the Maine Technical College
8 System. Notwithstanding section 17651, membership in the
10 retirement system is optional for employees of the Maine
 Technical College System who are eligible to participate in a
 retirement plan pursuant to Title 20-A, section 12706, subsection
 20.

12 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§18**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
14 695, §11, is amended to read:

16 **18. Delegation; other powers.** To delegate duties and
18 responsibilities as necessary for the efficient operation of this
20 chapter and to do any other acts or things necessary or
 convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted or
 reasonably implied in this chapter; and

22 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§19**, as amended by PL 1989, c.
 443, §39, is further amended to read:

24 **19. Advisory committees.** To appoint or identify advisory
26 committees to advise the board of trustees with respect to
28 vocational and technical education and training policies and
30 programs, to procedures for modifying the programs of the
32 colleges to meet the needs of the State's economy and the
34 changing job market and to the efficient operation of the
 colleges and the Maine Technical College System Office. These
 committees may include, but need not be limited to, the Maine
 Council on Vocational Education, authorized under the United
 States Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, Section 112,
 Public Law 98-524, or its successor; and

36 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §12706, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

38 20. Defined contribution retirement plan. Subject to
40 applicable bargaining agreements, to authorize persons in the
42 faculty and administrative units to participate in a defined
44 contribution retirement plan. A person who is a member of the
46 Maine State Retirement System on July 1, 1998 and who elects to
 participate in the defined contribution plan of the Maine
 Technical College System may withdraw from membership in the
 Maine State Retirement System. Service rendered while a
 participant in the defined contribution retirement plan of the
48 Maine Technical College System does not constitute membership
 service for a Maine State Retirement System member who does not
 withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System.

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SUMMARY

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6 This bill authorizes the option of participation in a
defined contribution retirement plan instead of the Maine State
8 Retirement System for new employees of the Maine Technical
College System in faculty and administrative bargaining units and
provides an opportunity for existing employees in those units to
10 opt to participate in a defined contribution retirement plan.