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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 656, L.D. 1878, Bill, "An Act to Make More Uniform the Training of Firefighters"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§9001.**" by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Program duties. The Maine Fire Training and Education Program shall provide a centralized training resource center for firefighters statewide and shall strengthen firefighter training and education by:

A. Providing a one-stop resource center to assist firefighters statewide in meeting safety and compliance mandates through training;

B. Strengthening curriculum development to ensure that fire departments have available training materials that are fully compliant and can be customized to meet local needs; and

C. Strengthening voluntary firefighter certification to increase uniformity of training and to give firefighters in this State the opportunity for state recognition of local training efforts.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 1999-00 2000-01

4 **MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM,**

6 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

8 **Maine Technical College System -**

8 **Board of Trustees**

10 All Other \$117,620 \$156,826

12 Provides funds to establish a
 14 centralized resource center
 14 for firefighters statewide
 16 and to strengthen firefighter
 16 training and education.'

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

22 **FISCAL NOTE**

24 1999-00 2000-01

26 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

28 General Fund \$117,620 \$156,826

30 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$117,620
 32 and \$156,826 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively,
 34 for the Maine Technical College System to provide a centralized
 34 training resource center for firefighters statewide and
 36 strengthen firefighter training and education.
 36 The funding level for fiscal year 1999-00 assumes an October 1,
 1999 effective date.'

40 **SUMMARY**

42 This amendment specifies that the Maine Fire Training and
 44 Education Program of the Maine Technical College System shall
 44 provide a centralized training resource center for firefighters
 46 of the State. Specifically, the Maine Fire Training and
 46 Education Program shall provide a one-stop resource center for
 48 training materials. The program must strengthen curriculum
 48 development to ensure that materials meet applicable regulations
 50 and can be customized for local use. The program must strengthen
 50 firefighter certification to increase training uniformity and
 52 local recognition. The amendment also adds an appropriation
 section and a fiscal note to the bill.