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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1640, L.D. 2291, Bill, "An Act to Make Organizational Changes in the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Communities in the New Century Program was created last session to preserve and strengthen local cultural resources; and

Whereas, when the new century program was created under the auspices of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, the existing law describing the membership of the council was not amended to reflect the new members added to the council; and

Whereas, immediate amendment of the membership in the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council is necessary to clearly identify the cultural agencies participating in the new century program; and

Whereas, the authorizing legislation of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council needs to be amended immediately to allow it to act efficiently as the umbrella organization for the participating cultural agencies under the new century program for such important activities as promotion and development; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 4 in the last line (page 1, line 51 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting in its place the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 5 in the last line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "planning." and inserting in its place the following: 'planning, and'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. 27 MRSA §555, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. New Century Program Fund. To administer the New Century Program Fund. The New Century Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing account to assist in carrying out the purposes of section 558. The Maine State Cultural Affairs Council may accept and expend money on behalf of the fund from public and private sources.

Sec. 6. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

MAINE STATE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

New Century Program Fund

All Other \$500

Provides for the allocation of funds to establish the New Century Program Fund.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds \$500

This bill includes an Other Special Revenue funds allocation of \$500 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the New Century Program Fund within the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council. The amount of dedicated revenues that will be collected for this fund can not be determined at this time. The additional costs associated with administering the New Century Program Fund can be absorbed by the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The Maine Humanities Council, the Maine Historical Society and the Maine State Archives will incur some minor additional costs to participate as members of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council. These costs can be absorbed within the existing budgeted resources of the respective agencies.'

SUMMARY

Consistent with the intent of the bill, this amendment creates the New Century Program Fund to be used to implement the Maine Communities in the New Century Program established last year to enhance preservation of local cultural resources and designates the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council as the entity responsible for administering the fund on behalf of all state cultural agencies. The amendment also adds a fiscal note, an allocation section, an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.