

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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Legislative Document

No. 2515

S.P. 966

In Senate, January 24, 2000

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**An Act to Provide Equal Access to Meeting the Needs of Students at  
Public Institutions of Higher Education.**

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

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 O'GARA of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk and  
Senators: MICHAUD of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot,  
Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GAGNE of Buckfield, KNEELAND of Easton,  
LABRECQUE of Gorham, LOVETT of Scarborough.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10007 is enacted to read:**

6 **§10007. Information and services to private bookstores**

8 **1. Information and services to private bookstores.** Upon  
10 request, a public postsecondary institution other than the Maine  
12 Maritime Academy shall provide to a private bookstore the same  
information and services that the institution provides to a  
campus bookstore operated by or on behalf of the institution.  
The information and services include, but are not limited to:

14 **A. The courses offered by the institution;**

16 **B. The instructional materials required or recommended for  
courses offered by the institution;**

18 **C. The expected number of students to be enrolled in  
20 courses offered by the institution;**

22 **D. Participation in student orientation sessions;**

24 **E. Access to student and faculty mailing lists;**

26 **F. The ability to credit the purchase of course and  
28 instructional materials against a student's financial aid  
account; and**

30 **G. The ability to accept student campus debit cards for the  
32 purchase of materials.**

34 **2. Equal access; policies.** A public postsecondary  
institution other than the Maine Maritime Academy may not deny or  
36 obstruct timely access by private bookstore to information and  
services that the private bookstore has requested pursuant to  
38 subsection 1. Every public postsecondary institution other than  
the Maine Maritime Academy shall adopt and publish policies to  
comply with this section.

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill requires public postsecondary institutions other  
46 than the Maine Maritime Academy to provide to private bookstores  
the same information and services that the postsecondary  
48 institution provides to campus bookstores operated by or on  
behalf of the institution.