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H.P. 139

House of Representatives, January 16, 2001

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

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative WESTON of Montville.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and
Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, GLYNN of South Portland, GOODWIN of
Pembroke, JACOBS of Turner, LEDWIN of Holden, ROSEN of Bucksport, SHIELDS of
Auburn, STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

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

4 **§10007. Information and services to private bookstores**

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

11 A. The courses offered by the institution;

12 B. The instructional materials required or recommended for
13 courses offered by the institution;

14 C. The expected number of students to be enrolled in
15 courses offered by the institution;

16 D. Participation in student orientation sessions;

17 E. Access to student and faculty mailing lists;

18 F. The ability to credit the purchase of course and
19 instructional materials against a student's financial aid
20 account; and

21 G. The ability to accept student campus debit cards for the
22 purchase of materials.

23 2. Equal access; policies. A public postsecondary
24 institution other than the Maine Maritime Academy may not deny or
25 obstruct timely access by a private bookstore to information and
26 services that the private bookstore has requested pursuant to
27 subsection 1. Every public postsecondary institution other than
28 the Maine Maritime Academy shall adopt and publish policies to
29 comply with this section.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill requires public postsecondary institutions other
32 than the Maine Maritime Academy to provide to private bookstores
33 the same information and services that the postsecondary
34 institution provides to campus bookstores operated by or on
35 behalf of the institution.