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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 411, L.D. 532, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Technical College System for the Operation of the Bath Higher Education Center"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Technical College System for the Programs and Operation of the Bath Higher Education Center'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the 4th line from the end (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'All Other \$300,000'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 18 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Contingent upon passage of a bond adequate to develop, renovate and equip the proposed Bath Higher Education Center, provides program and operating funds for the proposed Bath Higher Education Center.'

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

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'Sec. 2. Financing to develop, renovate and equip Bath Higher Education Center. The City of Bath shall work in partnership with private sector and public sector entities to finance the developing, renovating and equipping of the Bath Higher Education Center on the site of the former Mid Coast Hospital campus in Bath. In providing the financing necessary to develop, renovate and equip the Bath Higher Education Center, the City of Bath must secure financing, including, but not limited to, funding from private entities, General Fund appropriations and proceeds from bond funds authorized by the State, instrumentalities of the State and any governmental unit as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5903, subsection 6. Any unexpended and unobligated funds that were originally appropriated, allocated, donated or otherwise provided to the City of Bath for the developing, renovating and equipping of the Bath Higher Education Center may be used to support the operational budget of the center.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

**2002-03**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund \$300,000

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the Maine Technical College System to support the operation of the proposed Bath Higher Education Center.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the title of the bill and reduces the General Fund appropriation for the operation of the Bath Higher Education Center from \$396,000 to \$300,000. The amendment also provides that, prior to the appropriation to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System for program and operating expenses of the proposed Bath Higher Education Center on the site of the former Mid Coast Hospital campus in Bath, the City of Bath must secure the necessary funds to develop, renovate and equip the proposed Bath Higher Education Center from private sector and public sector entities. The amendment further permits

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2 the City of Bath to use any unexpended and unobligated funds to support the program and operational budget of the Bath Higher Education Center. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**