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S.P. 206

In Senate, February 11, 2003

An Act To Establish a Community College System in Maine

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CUMMINGS of Portland and
Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, President DAGGETT of Kennebec, DOUGLASS of
Androscoggin, EDMONDS of Cumberland, STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives:
DUDLEY of Portland, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NORBERT of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 431** is amended by repealing the chapter
headnote and enacting the following in its place:

6 **CHAPTER 431**

8 **MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12701**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt.
12 I, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

14 **§12701. Definitions**

16 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

18 **1. Administrative council.** "Administrative council" means
the administrative council of the system as established in
20 section 12713.

22 **2. Board of trustees.** "Board of trustees" means the board
of trustees of the system.

24 **3. President.** "President" means the president of a
26 ~~technical~~ community college.

28 **4. President of the system.** "President of the system" means
the President of the Maine ~~Technical~~ Community College System.

30 **5. College.** "College" means a ~~technical~~ community college
32 as established in section 12714.

34 **6. System.** "System" means the Maine ~~Technical~~ Community
College System.

36 **7. Maine Community College System Office.** "Maine ~~Technical~~
38 Community College System Office" means the office of the
president of the system, together with the offices of supporting
40 staff, as established in section 12710.

42 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12702**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 443, §34,
is further amended to read:

44 **§12702. System established**

46 There is established the Maine ~~Technical~~ Community College
48 System, which ~~shall-be~~ is a body corporate and politic and a
public instrumentality of the State and the exercise of the
50 powers conferred by this chapter ~~shall-be~~ are deemed and held to

2 be the performance of essential governmental functions. The
3 system shall--~~consist~~ consists of the board of trustees, the
4 ~~Technical Community~~ College Support Office and the ~~technical~~
community colleges.

6 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §12710**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 443, §46,
7 is further amended to read:

8 **§12710. Maine Community College System Office**

10 The Maine ~~Technical Community~~ College System Office shall
12 implement the policies of the board of trustees and shall provide
14 staff and technical assistance to each college and state-level
coordination and leadership to the system.

16 **Sec. 5. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause.** Wherever
18 in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "Maine Technical College
System" or "technical college system" appear or reference is made
20 to that entity or those words, they are amended to read and mean
"Maine Community College System" or "community college system."

22 **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
24 appropriations and allocations are made.

26 **MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

28 **Maine Technical College System/
Board of Trustees of the**

30 Initiative: Provides funds for additional faculty and equipment
32 necessary to support an increase in the annual enrollment of the
34 colleges by 4,000 students and to accomplish the transition from
a technical college system to a community college system.

36 General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$6,300,000
General Fund Total	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$6,300,000</u>

40 **MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM,
42 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
44 DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2003-04	2004-05
GENERAL FUND	\$4,000,000	\$6,300,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$6,300,000</u>

48 **SECTION TOTALS** **2003-04** **2004-05**

2	GENERAL FUND	\$4,000,000	\$6,300,000
4	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$4,000,000	\$6,300,000

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SUMMARY

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10 This bill transforms the Maine Technical College System into
12 the Maine Community College System and provides funds necessary
 to support the transition to a comprehensive community college
 system.