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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 129, L.D. 405, "Resolve, To Establish a Long-term Care Education Pilot Program for Registered Nurses"

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

'Resolve, To Establish an Education Pilot Program for Registered Nurses'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Education pilot program for registered nurses. Resolved: That the President of the Maine Community College System shall establish a pilot program for individuals who are interested in enrolling as candidates in an entry-level nursing preparation program and who have also expressed having the goal of attaining a license as a registered nurse. The pilot program may include, but is not limited to, individuals who have expressed a preference for future employment in long-term care as registered nurses. The pilot program must be established at 2 community college locations, one of which must be Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield, for the education of 8 registered nurses at each site; and be it further

Sec. 2. Scholarship fund for registered nurses. Resolved: That funding for eligible students enrolled in the pilot program established in section 1 must be provided from scholarship funds

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 donated by the private sector, including nursing facilities. The
3 Maine Health Care Association shall work in partnership with the
4 President of the Maine Community College System to provide
5 leadership for raising scholarship funds for eligible students to
6 participate in this pilot program; and be it further

7 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the
8 following appropriations and allocations are made.

10 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

12 **Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

14 Initiative: Provides funds to establish a pilot program at 2
15 community college locations for the education of 8 registered
16 nurses at each site.

18	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
	All Other	\$180,000	\$160,000
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	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$180,000	\$160,000'

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment revises the pilot program proposed in the
27 resolve to require the Maine Community College System to
28 establish a pilot program for the education of individuals who
29 are interested in enrolling as candidates in an entry-level
30 nursing preparation program and who have also expressed the goal
31 of attaining a license as a registered nurse. The pilot program
32 may also provide education for entry-level candidates for the
33 nursing preparation program who are interested in future
34 employment in long-term care as registered nurses. The pilot
35 program would be operated at 2 community college locations in the
36 State. The amendment also requires that a scholarship fund be
37 established with private donations to provide eligible students
38 with funds to participate in this pilot program and provides that
39 the Maine Health Care Association and the Maine Community College
40 System work together to provide leadership for raising these
41 scholarship funds.

42 It also adds an appropriations and allocations section to
43 the resolve.

46 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
48 **(See attached)**



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LD 405

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Resolve, To Establish a Long-term Care Education Pilot Program for Registered Nurses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$180,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$180,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$180,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$160,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Maine Community College System to establish the pilot program at two community college locations for the education of 8 registered nurses at each site. The System estimates the annual cost to deliver the program to be \$80,000 per site with an additional one-time cost of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 for curriculum development.