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Resolve, To Develop a Statewide Entrepreneurship Curriculum from Kindergarten through College

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

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Clerk

Presented by Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and
Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, CROSBY of Topsham, CUMMINGS of Portland,
LERMAN of Augusta, McCORMICK of West Gardiner, NORTON of Bangor, PATRICK of
Rumford, SCHATZ of Blue Hill.

2 **Sec. 1. Commissioner of Education to develop entrepreneurship**
3 **curriculum to be implemented in schools from kindergarten to grade 12.**

4 **Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Education shall include in
5 the next review of the system of learning results, as required by
6 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection
7 4, entrepreneurship education as a core content in the review of
8 the State's learning standards, including recommendations for the
9 inclusion of entrepreneurial concepts and skills in the guiding
10 principles listed in Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 1. The
11 review required in this section must consider the following
12 desirable outcomes for students:

13 1. The initiation of personal, community and business
14 ventures;

15 2. The development of an awareness and understanding of the
16 economic and personal factors that contribute to the success of
17 entrepreneurial ventures; development of personal skills by
18 initiating, planning and implementing an entrepreneurial venture;
19 and development of communication skills; and

20 3. The development of the ability to respond to changes in
21 a business environment by requiring a practical approach that
22 uses the potential of the student and that encourages the student
23 to use opportunities based on informed risk taking and problem
24 solving; and be it further

25 **Sec. 2. University of Maine System and Maine Community College**
26 **System to develop entrepreneurship curriculum to be implemented at**
27 **college campuses. Resolved:**

28 That the University of Maine System
29 and the Maine Community College System shall develop an
30 entrepreneurship curriculum based on the factors described in
31 section one of this resolve to be implemented at all the campuses
32 and shall market community colleges as training centers for
33 business owners and operators; and be it further

34 **Sec. 3. Establishment of Entrepreneurship Education Task Force.**

35 **Resolved:** That the Entrepreneurship Education Task Force is
36 established and consists of the follow members: the Commissioner
37 of Education, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System
38 and the President of the Maine Community College System. The
39 Entrepreneurship Education Task Force shall report on the
40 progress of the development and implementation of entrepreneurial
41 curricula in elementary, secondary and postsecondary schools in
42 the State to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
43 Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2006; and be it further
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2 **4. Maine Community College System to implement entrepreneurial**
 3 **training program. Resolved:** That the Maine Community College
 4 System shall implement a statewide entrepreneurship training
 5 program that covers key aspects of starting a business. The
 6 entrepreneurship training program must include a series of
 7 noncredit training seminars offered at all 7 of the Maine
 8 Community College System campuses. The entrepreneurship
 9 training program must be open to the public and provide for a
 10 subsidy of 50% of the cost of tuition for qualified individuals
 11 and full and partial scholarships to make the program available
 12 to the widest possible audience; and be it further.

13 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the
 14 following appropriations and allocations are made.

15 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM,**
 16 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

17 **Maine Community College System -**
 18 **Board of Trustees of the 0556**

19 Initiative: Provides funds to implement a statewide
 20 entrepreneurial training program.

21	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
22	All Other	\$185,000	\$185,000
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24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$185,000	\$185,000

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This resolve requires the Commissioner of Education to
 27 include entrepreneurship education principles in the next review
 28 of the system of learning results and the Chancellor of the
 29 University of Maine System and the President of the Maine
 30 Community College System to develop an entrepreneurship
 31 curriculum to be implemented at all University of Maine System
 32 and Maine Community College System campuses and to market
 33 community colleges as training centers for business owners and
 34 operators. This resolve also establishes the Entrepreneurship
 35 Education Task Force comprised of the Commissioner of Education,
 36 Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the President of
 37 the Maine Community College System to report on the progress of
 38 the development and implementation of entrepreneurship curricula
 39 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
 40 no later than February 1, 2006.

41 This resolve also directs the Maine Community College System
 42 to implement a statewide entrepreneurship training program that

2 covers key aspects of starting a business, and it includes an
appropriation of \$370,000 over 2 years to fund the program and
4 provide subsidies and scholarships to make the program available
to the widest possible audience.