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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 702,
L.D. 1785, Bill, "An Act To Promote Economic Development by Enhancing Educational
Opportunities"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the
summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the
following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective
until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to be an emergency so that the savings can be
realized in the 2005-06 fiscal year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Adult education college transition programs; selection of sites.
The Department of Education shall collaborate with representatives of adult education
programs, the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System, the
Maine Compact for Higher Education, the MELMAC Education Foundation, the Maine
Adult Education Association and other interest groups identified by the Commissioner of
Education to establish criteria for selecting sites for adult education college transition
programs.

Sec. 2. Expansion of college transition programs. The Department of
Education shall work with stakeholders to expand the number of college transition
programs offered in an adult education setting to 30 over a 5-year period. The

1 department and its collaborators shall use the 7 pilot programs in operation in the 2005-
2 2006 school year as a model for additional programs.

3 **Sec. 3. Progress reports.** The Department of Education shall report to the joint
4 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later
5 than January 15, 2007 on progress made in expanding college transition programs offered
6 in an adult education setting. By January 15, 2008, the Department of Education shall
7 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
8 education matters on the implementation of the number and location of college transition
9 programs established, the number of students served, completion rates and number of
10 participants enrolled in college. The report must also include a plan for complete
11 implementation of a program at 30 sites by 2011.

12 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

15 **Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement 0886**

16 Initiative: Deappropriates excess funds in fiscal year 2006-07.

17			
18	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
19	All Other	\$0	(\$5,100,000)
20			
21	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$5,100,000)

22 **Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893**

23 Initiative: Deappropriates excess funds in fiscal year 2005-06.

24			
25	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
26	All Other	(\$700,000)	\$0
27			
28	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$700,000)	\$0

29 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,**
30 **DEPARTMENT OF**

31	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
32			
33	GENERAL FUND	(\$700,000)	(\$5,100,000)
34			
35	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$700,000)	(\$5,100,000)

36 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**

37 **Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

38 Initiative: Provides for additional ongoing funds for general operating costs.

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2	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
3	All Other	\$0	\$4,200,000
4			
5	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,200,000</u>
6	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF		
7	TRUSTEES OF THE		
8	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
9			
10	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$4,200,000
11			
12	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,200,000</u>
13	COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE		
14	Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556		
15	Initiative: Provides for additional ongoing funds for general operating costs.		
16			
17	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
18	All Other	\$0	\$1,600,000
19			
20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,600,000</u>
21	COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF		
22	TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE		
23	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
24			
25	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,600,000
26			
27	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,600,000</u>
28	SECTION TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
29			
30	GENERAL FUND	(\$700,000)	\$700,000
31			
32	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>(\$700,000)</u>	<u>\$700,000</u>

33 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes
34 effect when approved.' '

SUMMARY

This amendment deappropriates excess funds in the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program and in the Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program and provides additional funding for the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System.

This amendment directs the Department of Education to work towards expanding the number of adult education programs offering services to facilitate the successful transition to college to 30 over a 5-year period. It directs the Department of Education to work with interested parties in developing criteria for selecting sites and specifies that 7 pilot programs currently in operation serve as a model for programs at additional sites.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:

(Senator ROTUNDO)

COUNTY: Androscoggin

**122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1785****LR 2628(08)****An Act To Promote Economic Development by Enhancing Educational Opportunities****Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"****Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$700,000)	\$395,000	\$395,000	\$395,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$700,000)	\$395,000	\$395,000	\$395,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment adds an emergency preamble, strikes the provisions of the bill that funded one Education Specialist III position and related All Other to support the continuation of 7 college transition pilot projects and provides ongoing funding for the general operating costs of the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System beginning in fiscal year 2006-07.

As amended, this bill includes a one-time General Fund deappropriation of \$700,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to the Debt Service - Governmental Facilities Authority program within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and a deappropriation of \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program within DAFS. This bill, as amended, includes ongoing General Fund appropriations totaling \$5,800,000 to the University of Maine System (\$4.2 million) and the Maine Community College System (\$1.6 million) for general operating costs.

As amended, the additional costs to the Department of Education, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to work with others to establish criteria for selecting sites, to expand the number of college transition programs in an adult education setting and to prepare the required progress report can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.