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House of Representatives, March 7, 2007

**An Act To Ensure Access to the Community College for Students in
Maine**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative BLISS of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and
Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn,
BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BOLAND of Sanford, BRAUTIGAM
of Falmouth, BURNS of Berwick, CAIN of Orono, CANAVAN of Waterville, CASAVANT
of Biddeford, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONOVER of
Oakland, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DILL of Cape
Elizabeth, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNN of Bangor,

EATON of Sullivan, EBERLE of South Portland, EDGECOMB of Caribou, EMERY of Cutler, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FARRINGTON of Gorham, FINCH of Fairfield, FINLEY of Skowhegan, FISCHER of Presque Isle, FISHER of Brewer, GERZOFISKY of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, HANLEY of Gardiner, HARLOW of Portland, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of York, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, KAENRATH of South Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAKAS of Lewiston, MARLEY of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville, MIRAMANT of Camden, MUSE of Fryeburg, NORTON of Bangor, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PERRY of Calais, PILON of Saco, PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington, RECTOR of Thomaston, RICHARDSON of Warren, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Auburn, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SILSBY of Augusta, SIMPSON of Auburn, SIROIS of Turner, SMITH of Monmouth, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, TARDY of Newport, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TRINWARD of Waterville, WATSON of Bath, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senators: BOWMAN of York, COURTNEY of York, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

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

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

6 Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine Community College System necessary
7 to eliminate the backlog of students awaiting entrance to the community college degree
8 programs.

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10 GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
11 All Other	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
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13 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill makes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$7,500,000 per year in
16 fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09 necessary to eliminate the backlog of students
17 awaiting entrance to the community college degree programs.