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Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program for a Trimester Schedule at the University of Maine at Presque Isle

(EMERGENCY)

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, JOY of Crystal. 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 Whereas, the subject of this legislation needs to be addressed before that 90-day 4 limit occurs; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore,

9 Sec. 1. Pilot program established. Resolved: That the University of Maine at 10 Presque Isle shall establish a 3-year pilot program to begin September 2007 to implement 11 a trimester system during the school year to create a 3-year period for earning a bachelor's 12 degree. The university shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and 13 Cultural Affairs by February 15th each year on the status of the program.

14 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 15 legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

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17 This resolve directs the University of Maine at Presque Isle to establish a pilot 18 program to implement a trimester system during the school year to create a 3-year period 19 for earning a bachelor's degree instead of a 4-year period. The university shall report on 20 the status of this program each February to the Joint Standing Committee on Education 21 and Cultural Affairs.