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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 367, L.D. 984, "Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Greater Cooperation and Coordination between the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Pilot program established. Resolved: That Southern Maine Community College and Kennebec Valley Community College shall develop a pilot program with the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine at Augusta, respectively, to provide a seamless transition process for students attending the Maine Community College System to earn an associate degree and to transfer their college credits to attend the University of Maine System with the goal of graduating with a baccalaureate degree; and be it further

Sec. 2. Goals. Resolved: That the goals of the pilot program are to develop a model for further collaboration between the participating colleges and universities in the service of student success, retention and degree completion and to provide data for future academic policy for all future student success. To achieve these goals, the participating colleges and universities shall ensure that the pilot program is a student-centered model that:

- 1. Leads to a seamless pathway between a community college and a university;
2. Supports students in obtaining appropriate information leading to course selection that maximizes the transfer of credits between institutions;
3. Produces a pathway that supports student completion of an associate degree at a participating community college and a baccalaureate degree at a participating university with the minimum number of credits required to graduate from each participating institution;
4. Supports and promotes student success in and between each participating institution; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 5. Leads to higher completion rates for students.

2 The participating colleges and universities shall ensure that they achieve their goals
3 by designing an evaluation instrument to monitor progress of the pilot program; and be it
4 further

5 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Maine Community College System and the
6 University of Maine System shall provide an interim report on the progress of the pilot
7 program no later than January 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
8 Cultural Affairs. Following the completion and graduation of the first participating class
9 of students involved in the pilot program, the Maine Community College System and the
10 University of Maine System shall submit a report with an assessment and
11 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
12 over education matters on the future of the pilot program. The joint standing committee
13 is authorized to submit legislation regarding the report during the legislative session in
14 which the report is submitted.'

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment strikes and replaces the resolve to clarify that the goals of the pilot
17 program to be established by the Maine Community College System and the University
18 of Maine System are to ensure that the pilot program is a student-centered model that
19 provides a seamless pathway that supports student completion of an associate degree at a
20 participating community college and a baccalaureate degree at a participating university.
21 The amendment also provides that the Maine Community College System and the
22 University of Maine System shall provide an interim report on the progress of the pilot
23 program no later than January 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
24 Cultural Affairs.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 04/22/09 *MAC*

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

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to establish the pilot program and provide the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.