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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 711, L.D. 1036, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Education Laws Regarding the State Board of Education's Degree-granting Authority, the Appeal of a School Board's Decision To Discharge a Superintendent, the Telecommunications Education Access Fund and Certain Definitions and Programs"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Education Laws Regarding the State Board of Education's Degree-granting Authority, the Telecommunications Education Access Fund and Certain Definitions and Programs'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 9 and 11.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

'Sec. 13. 20-A MRSA §10705, as amended by PL 2007, c. 572, Pt. A, §11, is further amended to read:

§10705. Courses for credit

An educational institution may offer courses or programs for academic credit leading to degree-completion requirements only if:

1. Authority. It has been authorized under sections 10704 and 10704-A to grant degrees;

2. State board authority. It has been given temporary authority by the state board to use the name "community college," "college" or "university"; or

3. Out-of-state institution. It is:

A. Located outside the State; and

B. Authorized by the state board to offer courses for academic credit leading to degree-completion requirements; or

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1 4. Coordinated programs. It is offering courses or programs in coordination with  
2 an educational institution in the State that is authorized to grant degrees and the state  
3 board has approved the coordination.'

4 Amend the bill in section 13 by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting the  
5 following:

6 '1. Prior to September 18, 1981. Have specific degree-granting authority granted to  
7 them by the Legislature. Had been authorized by the Legislature or the state board to grant  
8 undergraduate or graduate degrees prior to September 18, 1981 and are offering  
9 additional or different degrees at the same level;'

10 Amend the bill in section 14 by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting the  
11 following:

12 '4. Merger; consolidation; reorganization. The merger or consolidation of the  
13 educational institution with any other an external entity, or the reorganization of the  
14 educational institution, including, but not limited to, reorganization in bankruptcy. This  
15 subsection does not apply and authority to confer degrees is not terminated if degree  
16 programs are consolidated or reorganized within an educational institution and are at the  
17 same level as those authorized by the Legislature or the state board prior to the  
18 consolidation or reorganization.'

19 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
20 section number to read consecutively.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment clarifies provisions regarding the authority of the State Board of  
23 Education to authorize additional degree-granting authority to an educational institution  
24 granted initial authority by the Legislature. It also removes the section of the bill that  
25 proposed repealing provisions for a superintendent to appeal a school board's decision to  
26 discharge the superintendent.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



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LD 1036

LR 332(02)

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

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the Maine State Library associated with entering into contracts or ordering services on behalf of schools and libraries in connection with the telecommunications education access funds can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.