

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 735, L.D. 1068, Bill, "An Act To Extend the Summer Tourism Season and Thereby Increase Sales Tax Revenues by Requiring that the School Year in Maine Begin After Labor Day"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4771 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 1, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 'Except for the Maine Maritime Academy, an eligible institution may not begin the fall semester before the official Labor Day holiday of each year.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 by striking out all of the 2nd sentence (page 1, lines 13 and 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 'Except as provided in paragraph F, instructional days for students may not begin before the official Labor Day holiday of each year.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph E the following:

'F. The commissioner may approve a request by a school administrative unit to begin instructional days prior to the Labor Day holiday if the calendar proposed by the school administrative unit includes a fall recess to allow students to participate in the harvest of an agricultural crop.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the administrative and printing costs associated with requiring classes within the Maine Community College System not commence until after Labor Day.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1	GENERAL FUND	2009-10	2010-11
2	All Other	\$150,000	\$0
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
8 and Cultural Affairs. It allows the Maine Maritime Academy to begin the fall semester
9 before Labor Day. It also authorizes the Commissioner of Education to allow a school
10 administrative unit to begin school before Labor Day if a harvest recess is proposed in
11 that school administrative unit's school calendar. The amendment adds an appropriations
12 and allocations section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1068

LR 1042(02)

**An Act To Extend the Summer Tourism Season and Thereby Increase Sales Tax Revenues by
Requiring that the School Year in Maine Begin After Labor Day**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 to the Maine Community College System for the costs associated with the requirement that classes not commence until after Labor Day. This estimate includes such costs to the System as re-printing of catalogues, brochures and fliers and staff time to amend schedules, reschedule faculty and class space and other administrative expenses.