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L.D. 982
(Filing No. H-550)

Minority

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 726, L.D. 982, Bill, "An Act To Create a Unified Board of Higher Education"

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

'Resolve, To Provide Greater Collaboration and Coordination between the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System'

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

'Sec. 1. Postsecondary Education Collaboration and Coordination Council. Resolved: That the Postsecondary Education Collaboration and Coordination Council, referred to in this resolve as "the council," is established to examine opportunities for greater collaboration and coordination between the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System. The council consists of 7 members appointed as set out in this section:

1. Two trustees from the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System selected by that board, one of whom must be appointed as a cochair of the council;
2. Two trustees from the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System selected by that board, one of whom must be appointed as a cochair of the council;
3. The President of the Maine Community College System;
4. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System; and
5. A member of the State Board of Education with experience as a faculty member or administrator at a public college or university in the State, who may not be a current or former member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System or the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System, appointed by the Governor.

All appointments under this section must be made within 30 days of the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the council shall examine opportunities for
 2 greater collaboration and coordination between the University of Maine System and the
 3 Maine Community College System. In conducting this examination, the council shall
 4 identify options and alternatives to the current governance system and administrative
 5 structure that can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the State's publicly
 6 supported postsecondary education system. The council shall also examine whether
 7 statutory or regulatory actions are needed to provide greater opportunities for
 8 collaboration and coordination; and be it further

9 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the cochairs of the council shall jointly report the
 10 council's findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing
 11 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by February 15, 2012. The Joint Standing
 12 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the Second Regular
 13 Session of the 125th Legislature related to the council's report.'

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
 16 and Cultural Affairs. The amendment replaces the bill with a resolve to establish the
 17 Postsecondary Education Collaboration and Coordination Council to examine
 18 opportunities for greater collaboration and coordination between the University of Maine
 19 System and the Maine Community College System.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
 (See Attached)



Approved: 06/04/11 *MAC*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 982

LR 72(02)

An Act To Create a Unified Board of Higher Education

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 State Board of Education, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to conduct the required study and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.