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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

125TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 541, L.D. 1631, Bill, "An Act To Address Research and Teaching in Maine's Institutions of Higher Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Purchase of Goods and Services by the State Involving Institutions of Higher Education"

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §5 and amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

E. The purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the University of Maine System or, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy or a private, nonprofit, regionally accredited institution of higher education with a main campus in this State involving:

(1) An activity assisting a state agency and enhancing the ability of the university system or, community college system, Maine Maritime Academy or a private, nonprofit, regionally accredited institution of higher education with a main campus in this State to fulfill its mission of teaching, research and public service; and

(2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, allows the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to waive the requirement of competitive bidding for the purchase of goods and services if the purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the Maine Maritime Academy. The amendment also restores language that was removed from

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1 current law in the bill requiring that such a cooperative project address the institution's
2 mission of public service.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**



Approved: 03/08/12 *MAC*

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-428

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No State fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation is not expected to have a significant impact on the State related to contracting for the purchase of goods and Services. The University of Maine System has expressed concern that this legislation may result in fewer cooperative agreements being awarded to the System, resulting in a loss of revenue.