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In Senate, December 21, 2011

**An Act To Require the Maine Community College System, the
University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy To
Report the Number of Students Enrolled in Remedial Courses**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono and
Senators: COURTNEY of York, GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc,
HOBBINS of York, LANGLEY of Hancock, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives:
BLODGETT of Augusta, NELSON of Falmouth.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10012** is enacted to read:

3 **§10012. High school graduates data; remedial courses**

4 **1. Remedial courses.** Using information that is already collected by the Maine
5 Community College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime
6 Academy as part of the admissions and academic placement process, the President of the
7 Maine Community College System, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System
8 and the President of the Maine Maritime Academy shall annually compile the data so as
9 to demonstrate:

10 A. The total number of traditional students who are enrolled in remedial courses,
11 which must be disaggregated by campus and by subject area;

12 B. The name of each secondary school in the State from which a traditional student
13 enrolled in a remedial course received a high school diploma and the number of those
14 students from each of those schools; and

15 C. The retention and graduation rates for traditional students who were enrolled in
16 remedial courses, which must be disaggregated by campus.

17 For the purposes of this subsection, "traditional student" means a student who has
18 attended any accredited public school or private school in the State and received a high
19 school diploma from a secondary school in the State or who has participated in a home
20 instruction program pursuant to section 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A and who in
21 the following academic year matriculates in the Maine Community College System, in
22 the University of Maine System or at the Maine Maritime Academy.

23 **2. Report.** Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year, the President of the Maine
24 Community College System, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the
25 President of the Maine Maritime Academy shall each report the information compiled
26 under subsection 1, including recommendations for strategies that may result in fewer
27 students enrolling in remedial courses at postsecondary educational institutions and
28 strategies for improving the retention and graduation rates for students who were enrolled
29 in remedial courses. The reports must be submitted by January 1st of each year to the
30 Commissioner of Education, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
31 jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the school boards and superintendents
32 of school administrative units whose graduates are enrolled in remedial courses. The
33 Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System and the Maine
34 Maritime Academy shall publish the annual reports on their publicly accessible websites.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill requires the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine
37 System and the Maine Maritime Academy to report annually on the number of traditional
38 students who attended high school in the State and who are enrolled in remedial courses
39 at each campus within their respective systems.