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An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Community Colleges

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

**Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this Act,

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

6 Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the 7 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an 8 amount not exceeding \$24,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. 9 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for 10 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

11 Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State 12 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the 13 name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of 14 sale and the date when payable.

15 Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State 16 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the 17 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State 18 19 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project 20 21 in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of 22 general obligation bonds.

Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. The Treasurer of State shall pay interest
 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment
 of bonds at maturity.

26 Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue. 27 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as 28 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies 29 and entities set forth in this section.

- 30 MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 31 SYSTEM

Provides funds to renovate and expand academic laboratories and upgrade heating and ventilating systems with automated, energy-efficient heating controls, renovate and upgrade safety and security systems and add emergency power capacity at Central Maine Community College.

- 36
- 37 Total

\$3,960,000

7       Provides funds to replace and insulate aging windows and facades, upgrade instructional and library technologies and repair parking facilities and campus infrastructure at Kennebec Valley Community College.         10       Total       \$3,250,000         11       Total       \$3,250,000         12       Provides funds to replace boilers and upgrade heating and ventilating systems replace and insulate aging roofs, renovate offices and classrooms, add instructional equipment and update the campus master plan at Northern Maine Community College.         16       Total       \$2,010,000         18       Provides funds for general facility repairs, renovations and energy efficiency improvements; major educational technology upgrades; and the expansion of spaces dedicated to instructional programming, student support services and library services at Southern Maine Community College.         23       Total       \$7,300,000         24       Provides funds to access additional laboratory space for instructional programs upgrade instructional and library technologies, replace electrical and heating systems with automated heating controls, renovate and expand academic laboratories, upgrade safety and security systems and renovate residential space at Washington County Community College.         29       Total       \$1,440,000         30       Total       \$1,440,000         31       Provides funds to replace windows and entryways, upgrade technology, safety and security systems, repair and expand parking facilities, replace boiler and heating controls, renovate classrooms, offices	1 2 3 4	Provides funds to convert heating systems to natural gas, replace and insulate aging roofs and facades, convert offices to classroom space, create a student wellness center, repair parking facilities and update the campus master plan at Eastern Maine Community College.
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1 Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 do not 2 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set 3 forth in this Act.

4 Sec. 7. Appropriation balances at year-end. At the end of each fiscal year, all 5 unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond 6 proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the 7 bonds lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general 8 obligation bonds.

9 Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued 10 within 5 years of ratification of this Act are deauthorized and may not be issued, except 11 that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend 12 the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not 13 to exceed 5 years.

14 Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of 15 question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at 16 a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The 17 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns 18 and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, 19 to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

20	"Do you favor a \$24,000,000 bond issue to upgrade and renovate
21	classrooms, laboratories, equipment and facilities at Maine's 7
22	community colleges in order to strengthen educational programming,
23	increase energy efficiency and expand capacity to serve more students?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question 24 and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square 25 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and 26 declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of 27 28 State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the 29 Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days 30 31 after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

SUMMARY

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The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$24,000,000, will be used to upgrade and renovate classrooms, laboratories, equipment and facilities at Maine's 7 community colleges in order to strengthen educational programming, increase energy efficiency and expand capacity to serve more students.