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Date: 5/30/19 Majority

L.D. 665  
(Filing No. H-395)

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 486, L.D. 665, Bill, "An Act To Enact the Campus Free Expression Act"

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Office of the Attorney General To Review Free Speech on Public College and University Campuses'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Office of the Attorney General to review free speech on public college and university campuses. Resolved:** That the Office of the Attorney General shall review whether there have been any instances in the State in which the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System or Maine Maritime Academy has violated or otherwise restricted a student's free speech rights protected under the United States Constitution, Amendment I and the Constitution of Maine, Article I, review whether additional protections are necessary under state law and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than January 1, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE  
Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Assistant Attorney General position through January 31, 2020 to support the office in reviewing free speech considerations.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 486, L.D. 665

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
2	Personal Services	\$41,518	\$0
3	All Other	\$1,582	\$0
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5	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$43,100</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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7 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
8 section number to read consecutively.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, directs the Office of  
11 the Attorney General to review whether there have been any instances in the State in  
12 which the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System or Maine  
13 Maritime Academy has violated or otherwise restricted a student's free speech rights  
14 protected under the United States Constitution, Amendment I and the Constitution of  
15 Maine, Article I, review whether additional protections are necessary under state law and  
16 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than January 1, 2020. The  
17 Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill to the Second Regular  
18 Session of the 129th Legislature. The amendment also adds an appropriations and  
19 allocations section.

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

21 **(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 665

LR 1641(03)

## An Act To Enact the Campus Free Expression Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-395)*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$43,100	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$43,100	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to investigate whether there have been any instances in the state where the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System or the Maine Maritime Academy has violated or restricted a student's free speech rights. The bill also requires the OAG to determine if any additional protections are necessary under state law and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by January 1, 2020. The OAG has indicated it requires an additional position to meet these requirements. The bill includes one limited- period Assistant Attorney General position and provides General Fund appropriations of \$43,100 in fiscal year 2019-20.