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PROGRAM SUMMARY

**FOR: L.D. 2044, P.L. Chapter 758, An Act to Promote
Access to Public Higher Education**

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Overview

Chapter 758, An Act to Promote Access to Public Higher Education made it possible for high school students to enroll in college courses offered through Maine's public higher education institutions. Implementation began with the fall 1998 semester and students enrolled in record numbers.

In support of this initiative, the legislature appropriated \$75,000 to the Department of Education to cover half the tuition of enrolled students for the academic year 1998-99. Response to this initiative was so overwhelming that the entire appropriation for the academic year was committed during the fall semester. For this reason no resources were available to the Department to continue its support of students who had planned to enroll under this program for the spring 1999 semester. While the lack of funds for the second semester is unfortunate, it is clear that the program has been highly successful and that many students have benefited.

Outcome

During the fall 1998 semester 435 students enrolled in public higher education course offerings. These students came from 57 high schools located in 11 of the state's 16 counties. [Table I summarizes the rate and distribution of participation across the state. Table II lists the courses in which students enrolled as well as the enrollment count for each. Table III summarizes rate of participation by program eligible institution. Attachment A poses some policy questions that have arisen during the course of implementing this program].

Table I
Distribution of Participation
Chapter 758, An Act to Promote Access to Public Higher Education
Fall Semester – 1998

Chapter 758, An Act to Promote Access to Public Higher Education has made it possible for high school students to enroll in college courses offered through Maine's public higher education institutions. Implementation began with the fall 1998 semester when 412 students enrolled from 55 high schools located in 11 of the state's 16 counties. Distribution of participation follows.

High School	# of Students	Community	County
Ashland High School	17	Ashland	Aroostock *
Bangor Christian	1	Bangor	Penobscot
Bangor High School	1	Bangor	Penobscot
Biddeford High School	1	Biddeford	York
Bonney Eagle High School	47	Standish	Cumberland
Brewer High School	2	Brewer	Penobscot
Camden-Rockport High School	2	Camden	Knox
Cape Elizabeth High School	29	Cape Elizabeth	Cumberland
Central Aroostock High School	2	Mars Hill	Aroostock *
Cheverus High School	1	Portland	Cumberland
Cony High School	1	Augusta	Kennebec
Deering High School	21	Portland	Cumberland
Easton High School		Easton	Aroostock *
Falmouth High School	3	Falmouth	Cumberland
Fort Kent High School	3	Fort Kent	Aroostock
Freeport High School	1	Freeport	Cumberland
Gorham High School	24	Gorham	Cumberland
Governor Baxter School	1	Falmouth	Cumberland
Gray-New Gloucester High School	2	Gray	Cumberland
Greeley High School	9	Cumberland	Cumberland
Hall Dale High School	4	Farmingdale	Kennebec
Hermon High School	1	Hermon	Penobscot
Home Schooled	9		
Kents Hill School	1	Readfield	Kennebec
Lawrence High School	1	Fairfield	Kennebec
Lewiston High School	1	Lewiston	Androscoggin
Limestone High School	1	Limestone	Aroostock
Livermore Falls High School	1	Livermore Falls	Androscoggin
Machias High School	3	Machias	Washington
Massabesic High School	9	Waterboro	York
McAuley High School	1	Portland	Cumberland
Mount Ararat High School	1	Topsham	Sagadahoc

High School	# of Students	Community	County
Mountain Valley High School	1	Rumford	Oxford
Mount Abram Regional High School	1	Strong	Franklin
Mount Blue High School	3	Farmington	Franklin
Noble/North Berwick High School	9	Berwick	York
Oak Hill High School	10	Wales	Androscoggin
Old Orchard Beach High School	1	Old Orchard Beach	York
Orono High School	3	Orono	Penobscot
Oxford Hills High School	2	Paris	Oxford
Portland High School	28	Portland	Cumberland
Presque Isle High School	1	Presque Isle	Aroostock *
Richmond High School	6	Richmond	Sagadahoc
Rockland High School	1	Rockland	Knox
Sacopec Valley High School	15	Hiram	Oxford
Sanford High School	12	Sanford	York
Scarborough High School	2	Scarborough	Cumberland
South Portland High School	15	South Portland	Cumberland
Thorton Academy	33	Saco	York
Trinity Academy	1	Hope	Knox
Van Buren High School		Van Buren	Arrostock *
Waynflete School	9	Portland	Cumberland
Wells High School	3	Wells	York
Westbrook High School	26	Westbrook	Cumberland
Windham High School	17	Windham	Cumberland
Winthrop High School	13	Winthrop	Kennebec
Wisdon High School	1	Saint Agatha	Aroostock

- Enrollment figures to be increased following receipt of billing information from NMTC

**Distribution of Participation
by County**

ANDROSCOGGIN	12	AROOSTOCK	45
CUMBERLAND	236	KRANKLIN	4
KENNEBEC	20	KNOX	4
OXFORD	18	PENOBSCOT	8
SAGADAHOC	7	WASHINGTON	3
YORK	68		

County Codes

- 01 - Androscoggin
- 02 - Aroostook
- 03 - Cumberland
- 04 - Franklin
- 05 - Hancock
- 06 - Kennebec
- 07 - Knox
- 08 - Lincoln
- 09 - Oxford
- 10 - Penobscot
- 11 - Piscataquis
- 12 - Sagadahoc
- 13 - Somerset
- 14 - Waldo
- 15 - Washington
- 16 - York

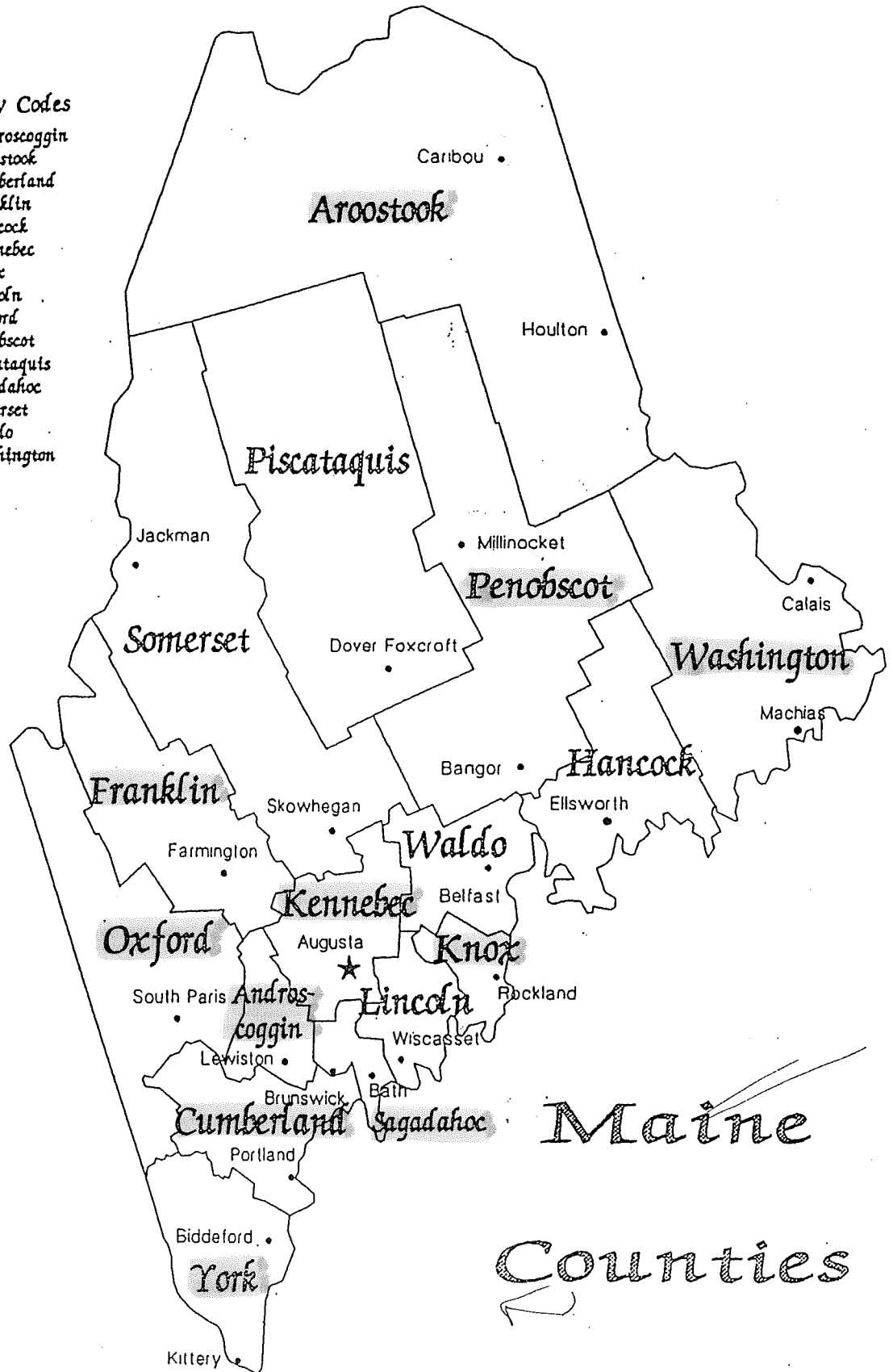


Table II
Distribution of Participation
by
Course and Course Enrollments

Fall Semester - 1998

Course	Title	Enrollment
ART 100	Drawing I	1
BIO 103	Marine Biology	1
BIO 111	Human Anatomy & Physiology	1
BIO 140	Introduction to Biology	1
CHY 101	Introduction to Chemistry	1
CIS 101	Computer Programming	2
CIS 220	Computer Programming	1
CIS 231	Computer Programming III – Projects	1
CLA 201	Women in the Ancient World	1
CLA 285	Classical Mythology	1
COS 160	Structured Problem Solving C+	1
COS 246	JAVA Programming	3
CPT 120	Introduction to Computer Applications	1
ECE 125	Introduction to Early Childhood	1
ECO 106	Economics Social & Cultural	1
ELE 100	Introduction to Engineering	1
ENG 100	College Writing	10
ENG 101	Composition	22
ENG 101	English Composition	1
ENG 282	Life of the Sea	1
FRE 303	The Art of Translation (French)	1
GER 201	Introduction to German I	2
	HTML&WWW	1
HTY 101	Western Civilization I	1
HTY 103	US History I	1
LIN 121	Beginning American Sign Language	1
LIN 122	Beginning American Sign Language	1
MAT 009	Arithmetic for College Students	1
MAT 100	Introduction to Mathematics	1
MAT 108	College Algebra	1
MAT 111	Algebra II	1
MAT 112	College Business Math	1
MAT 126	Calculus	1
MAT 140	Pre Calculus Math	2
MAT 152D	Calculus	299
MAT 153	Calculus B	5
MAT 228	Calculus III	3
MAT 252	Calculus C	2
MAT 295	Linear Algebra	1
MAT 350	Differential Equations	2
MES 399	Screen Writing	1
MUS 115B	Introduction to Music	1
MUS 130F	Music Theory I	1

Table II Cont.
Distribution of Participation
by
Course and Course Enrollments
Fall Semester - 1998

Course	Title	Enrollment
MUS 151	Ensemble Sequence	1
MUS 407	Jazz Ensemble	1
PHI 102	Introduction to Philosophy	1
PHY 375	Optics	1
POS 120	Introduction to World Politics	1
PSY 100	General Psychology	1
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	6
RUS 321	Advanced Russian	1
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	1
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	1
SPA 101	Beginning Spanish	4
SPA 201	Beginning Spanish	3
SPA 301	Practice to Conversation (Spanish)	1
	Survey for Foresters	1
THE 135	Stagecraft I	1

Table III
Distribution of Participation
By Eligible Institutions

Institution	Enrollment
Central Maine Technical College	1
Northern Maine Technical College	20
Southern Maine Technical College	1
University of Maine	8
University of Maine at Augusta	12
University of Maine at Farmington	8
University of Maine at Fort Kent	4
University of Maine at Machias	3
University of Maine at Presque Isle	20
University of Southern Maine	356
York County Technical College	2
Total:	435

Attachment A

Some Policy Issues That Have Arisen During Implementation

- 1) For the purposes of this act, what is the definition of secondary school student?
- 2) May a high school age home schooler participate in this program (working through local school district administration)?
- 3) May an individual working toward completion of a GED participate?
- 4) May a high school age student attending a sectarian school participate in this program (working through local school district administration)?
- 5) May a secondary school student, who has not yet graduated enroll in a collegiate course offered by an eligible institution during the summer months?
- 6) May a secondary school student take all 6 credit hours allowed for one academic year in one semester?
- 7) May a 9th or 10th grade secondary school student participate un this program?
- 8) Is the availability of the funds to cover student enrollments on a first come first served basis?