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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 294, L.D. 422, Bill, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Franco-Americans”

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

'An Act Regarding Enrollment and Graduation Rates of First-generation Higher Education Students'

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10013 is enacted to read:

§10013. Report on first-generation students

1. Data and strategies. By January 15, 2014, and annually thereafter, the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy shall each submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters a report that includes the following information regarding first-generation college students, as defined by the trustees of the respective institutions:

- A. Data regarding enrollment of first-generation college students and educational outcomes, including graduation rates for first-generation college students compared with other college students;
- B. A summary of strategies used and activities undertaken to increase enrollment and graduation rates of first-generation college students and any available data indicating the effect of those strategies and activities; and
- C. Plans for or recommendations regarding new strategies or actions designed to increase enrollment and graduation rates of first-generation college students.

After receiving a report under this section, the committee may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill but preserves much of the intent of the bill.

The amendment requires the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to each submit annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters a report that includes data regarding enrollment of first-generation college students and educational outcomes, including graduation rates for first-generation college students compared with other students; a summary of strategies used and activities undertaken to increase enrollment and graduation rates of first-generation college students; and plans or recommendations for new strategies or activities designed to increase enrollment and graduation rates of first-generation college students. The committee is authorized to submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)