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An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs Regarding Review of the Maine State Museum Commission under the Government Evaluation Act and To Revise the Review Schedule

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2005, c. 605, §1, is further amended to read:

E. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

(2) Department of Education in 2005;

(2-A) State Board of Education in 2005;

(3) Maine Arts Commission in ~~2007~~2015;

(5) Maine Historic Preservation Commission in ~~2007~~2015;

(5-A) Notwithstanding section 952, Maine Historical Society in ~~2007~~2015;

(6) Maine Library Commission in ~~2007~~2015;

(6-A) Maine State Cultural Affairs Council in ~~2007~~2015;

(6-B) Maine State Library in ~~2007~~2015;

(6-C) Maine State Museum in ~~2007~~2015;

(7) Maine State Museum Commission in ~~2007~~2015;

(8) Office of State Historian in ~~2007~~2015;

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- (9) Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy in 2009;
- (10) Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System in 2009;
- (12) Maine Community College System in 2009;
- (13) Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority in 2011; and
- (14) Maine Educational Loan Authority in 2011.

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §83, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. V, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Recommendations. To make recommendations to the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council for such legislation as may be necessary to improve the functioning of the Maine State Museum; and

Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §83, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. P, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Establish fees. To establish fees for admission to the Maine State Museum and miscellaneous services. All revenues derived from these fees must be credited as undedicated revenue to the General Fund; and

Sec. 4. 27 MRSA §83, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Designate a private support organization. To designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine State Museum. The designated organization must be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State, and its sole purpose, as reflected in its bylaws, must be to organize and foster support for the Maine State Museum and the museum's programs.

The commission shall delegate authority to the Museum Director to permit, without charge and within the museum's financial means, the appropriate use of fixed property, equipment and facilities of the museum by the private support organization. Such use must be directly in keeping with the approved purposes of the private support organization and must comply with all appropriate state policies and procedures.

The commission's chair, or the chair's designee, and the Museum Director, or the director's designee, must be made nonvoting ex officio members of the private support organization's board of directors. Other members of the commission may serve in a nonvoting capacity on the board of the private support organization if such service is agreed to by the commission and private support organization's board of directors.

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Subject to the approval of the commission, the Museum Director shall negotiate an annual memorandum of understanding between the museum and the private support organization that outlines a plan of work identifying priority projects of mutual benefit and cooperation.

SUMMARY

This bill is the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It establishes the next date for reports of the cultural affairs agencies under the Government Evaluation Act. It adds a provision to the duties of the Maine State Museum Commission specifically authorizing the commission to designate a private nonprofit support organization to organize and foster support for the museum and its programs.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)