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**An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education by Amending the Laws
Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology,
Transportation and Engineering**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport and

Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,
Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HUBBELL of Bar
Harbor, INGWERSEN of Arundel, MATLACK of St. George.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8232, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 363, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 The school is established as a public, ~~residential~~ school located in the Town of
5 Searsport and the following provisions apply.

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8232, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §13,
7 is further amended to read:

8 **2. Tuition; ~~room and board~~; funding.** ~~Students~~ A student from this State may
9 attend the school free of tuition charges. Additional funding for students from this State
10 may be provided within amounts appropriated for that purpose as follows.

11 A. State funding for the school must be provided using the method established for
12 public charter schools that are authorized by the commission in accordance with the
13 funding provisions established in section 2413-A and section 15683-B. To be
14 eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must have resided in Maine
15 with a parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately preceding
16 application to the school.

17 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8235, sub-§16**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 363, §4, is
18 amended to read:

19 **16. Report.** To report annually to the Governor, the joint standing committee of the
20 Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee
21 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on the
22 results of the assessment in subsection 15 and the general status of the school and to
23 provide a financial audit of the school conducted by an independent auditor; The report
24 under this subsection must include, at a minimum, assessments for:

- 25 A. Student academic proficiency;
- 26 B. Student academic growth;
- 27 C. Achievement gaps in both proficiency and growth between major student
28 subgroups;
- 29 D. Attendance;
- 30 E. Recurrent enrollment from year to year;
- 31 F. Postsecondary readiness;
- 32 G. Financial performance and sustainability;
- 33 H. Board of trustees performance and stewardship; and
- 34 I. Parent and community engagement;

35 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8238**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 531, §1, is further
36 amended to read:

