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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 541, L.D. 1631, Bill, “An Act To Address Research and Teaching in Maine's Institutions of Higher Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Purchase of Goods and Services by the State Involving Institutions of Higher Education”

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §5 and amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

E. The purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the University of Maine System or the Maine Community College System or the Maine Maritime Academy involving:

- (1) An activity assisting a state agency and enhancing the ability of the university system or community college system or Maine Maritime Academy to fulfill its mission of teaching, research and public service; and
(2) A sharing of project responsibilities and, when appropriate, costs;

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, allows the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to waive the requirement of competitive bidding for the purchase of goods and services if the purchase is part of a cooperative project between the State and the Maine Maritime Academy. It removes private nonprofit institutions of higher education from the list of institutions eligible for that waiver as in the bill. The amendment also restores

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1 language that was removed from current law in the bill requiring that such a cooperative  
2 project address the institution's mission of public service.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**