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An Act To Provide Certain Students with Full Tuition for State Institutions of Higher Learning

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FISCHER of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth,
EDGECOMB of Caribou, LERMAN of Augusta, SMITH of Van Buren.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 429-C** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 429-C**

8 **TUITION WAIVER AT STATE POSTSECONDARY**
9 **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR CERTAIN**
10 **MAINE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND**
11 **MATHEMATICS STUDENTS**

12 **§12591. Definitions**

14 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
15 indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

16 **1. Authority.** "Authority" means the Finance Authority of
18 Maine.

20 **2. Eligible student.** "Eligible student" means a student of
21 the Maine School of Science and Mathematics who graduated among
22 the top 10% of the student's graduating class as determined by
23 the authority and who will be attending a state postsecondary
24 educational institution.

26 **3. State postsecondary educational institution.** "State
27 postsecondary educational institution" means the University of
28 Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community
29 College System.

30 **§12592. Tuition waiver**

32 Eligible students may attend a state postsecondary
34 educational institution free of tuition charges.

36 **§12593. Administration**

38 **1. Application.** A person may apply to the authority for
39 determination of eligibility under this chapter on forms and in a
40 manner prescribed by rule of the authority. Rules adopted
41 pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules as defined
42 in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

44 **2. Decision.** The authority shall determine whether an
45 applicant is eligible and notify the applicant. The authority
46 shall also notify the state postsecondary educational institution
47 at which the person is accepted of the eligibility of that person
48 for a tuition waiver. Unless notified by the authority of a
49 change in the student's eligibility, the institution may not bill
50 an eligible student for tuition during that student's enrollment.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides full tuition to any state postsecondary educational institution for the top 10% of students graduating from the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

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