

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 509

H.P. 366

House of Representatives, January 31, 2019

An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MORALES of South
Portland, Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, BREEN of Cumberland, CLAXTON of
Androscoggin, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 642, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Minimum amount.** It is the intent of the Legislature that grants awarded under
5 this chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6, may not be less than \$1,000,
6 except that grants awarded under this chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 and
7 6, may not be less than \$2,500 if sufficient funds are appropriated for this purpose. The
8 authority may establish by rule increased grant amounts for students attending their 2nd,
9 3rd and 4th years, or the equivalents thereof, at institutions of higher education. Rules
10 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
11 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

15 **Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653**

16 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine State Grant Program to increase the
17 minimum grant award from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

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19	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
20	All Other	\$9,450,000	\$9,450,000
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,450,000</u>	<u>\$9,450,000</u>

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides that the minimum grant amount under the Maine State Grant
25 Program may not be less than \$2,500 if sufficient funds are appropriated for this purpose,
26 subject to the current grant amount modifications under the program.