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S.P. 500

In Senate, April 16, 2019

**An Act To Increase the Number of Recipients under the Tuition
Waiver Program for Participants in Foster Care**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12573, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 187, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **3. Limitation.** Tuition waivers to eligible persons are limited to ~~30~~ 60 new students
5 per year in each year at state postsecondary educational institutions ~~as follows:~~

6 ~~A. The first 25 tuition waivers must be available to eligible persons at the University~~
7 ~~of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College~~
8 ~~System; and~~

9 ~~B. Of the 5 remaining tuition waivers, 3 must be available to eligible persons at the~~
10 ~~University of Maine System and 2 must be available to eligible persons at the Maine~~
11 ~~Community College System.~~

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill increases from 30 to 60 the number of tuition waivers for postsecondary
14 education allowed to be granted each academic year to persons who, at the time of their
15 graduation from high school or their successful completion of a general educational
16 development examination, were in the custody of the Department of Health and Human
17 Services and resided in foster care or subsidized adoptive care or were minor wards of a
18 subsidized permanency guardian. This bill also removes the requirements that the tuition
19 waivers be apportioned to postsecondary institutions based upon the order in which the
20 waivers are made available.