

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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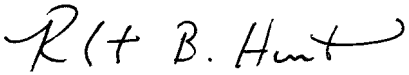
H.P. 77

House of Representatives, January 8, 2025

### **An Act to Promote Opportunities by Establishing a Student Wage**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MCINTYRE of Lowell.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and  
Representative: BOYER of Poland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Minimum wage for students.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, for an employee  
4 who is a secondary student the minimum hourly wage is 50% of the amount specified in  
5 subsection 1 for a period of at least 2 years beginning with the first day of employment,  
6 except that an employee who graduates secondary school must be paid at least a minimum  
7 hourly wage in accordance with subsection 1.

8 For the purposes of this subsection, "secondary student" has the same meaning as in Title  
9 20-A, section 1, subsection 33 and "secondary school" has the same meaning as in Title  
10 20-A, section 1, subsection 32.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides that, for an employee who is a secondary school student, the  
13 minimum hourly wage is 50% of the state's minimum wage for a period of at least 2 years  
14 unless that employee graduates secondary school.