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L.D. 209

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT " E " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 131, L.D. 209, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part X the following:

'PART Y

Sec. Y-1. PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. QQQ, §3 is amended to read:

1. Eligibility. For purposes of this Part, an eligible student is:

A. A high school graduate in the class of 2020 or 2021 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2020 or 2021, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than during the 2023-2024 academic year;

B. A high school graduate in the class of 2022 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2022, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2024-2025 academic year;

C. A high school graduate in the class of 2023 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2023, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2025-2026 academic year;

D. A high school graduate in the class of 2024 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2024, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2026-2027 academic year; or

E. A high school graduate in the class of 2025 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2025, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2027-2028 academic year.

2. Conditions. In order to receive 2 years of free community college, an eligible student must:

A. Pursue an associate degree or academic credential;

B. Reside in the State at the time of enrollment in a community college and for the duration of that enrollment;

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1 C. Accept all federal and state grants, scholarships and other sources of funding that
2 are available and for which the student has applied and qualified; ~~and~~

3 D. Complete the program of study within 200% of the stated completion time; and

4 E. Be a graduate of a high school in this State.'

5 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
6 section number to read consecutively.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment requires a person to be a graduate of a high school in this State in
9 order to be eligible for free tuition in the Maine Community College System.

10 **SPONSORED BY:** 

11 (Representative BOYER, D.)

12 **TOWN: Poland**

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for House Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Boyer, Jr. of Poland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing only students that graduated from a high school in Maine to be eligible for the Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program may reduce the total cost to the State to fund the program. The amount can not be estimated at this time.