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L.D. 609
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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT “*B*” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 377,
L.D. 609, “An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain
Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government”

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part TT the following:

PART UU

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

**Sec. QQQ-3. Eligibility and conditions for 2-year free community college
tuition program.**

- 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;

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- 1 B. Reside in the State at the time of enrollment in a community college and for the
- 2 duration of that enrollment;
- 3 C. Accept all federal and state grants, scholarships and other sources of funding that
- 4 are available and for which the student has applied and qualified; ~~and~~
- 5 D. Complete the program of study within 200% of the stated completion time; and
- 6 E. Be a graduate of a high school in this State or have obtained the equivalent of a high
- 7 school diploma through a home instruction program in this State as described in the
- 8 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A,
- 9 subparagraph (4).'

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

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment requires a person to be a graduate of a high school in this State or
14 have obtained the equivalent of a high school diploma through a home instruction program
15 in this State in order to be eligible for free tuition in the Maine Community College System.

16 **SPONSORED BY:** 
17 (Representative BOYER, D.)

18 **TOWN:** Poland

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 609

LR 1775(11)

**An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law
Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government**

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)

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 or obtained the equivalent of a high school diploma through a home instructions program in this State 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.