

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 4, 2025

**An Act to Clarify Residency Requirements for and Provide Funding
to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 27, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 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 GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield and
Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CARLOW of
Buxton, DODGE of Belfast, FROST of Belgrade, GERE of Kennebunkport, MURPHY of
Scarborough, SARGENT of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. FF,
3 §1, is further amended to read:

4 A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of
5 attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and
6 other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose.
7 To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must ~~have resided~~ reside
8 in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian ~~for at least 6 months immediately~~
9 ~~preceding application to the school~~ at the start of the academic year for which state
10 funding is appropriated.

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

13 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

14 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

15 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to
16 support administrative operations.

17 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
18 All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000
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20 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

21 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

22 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to
23 allow the administration to give financial support to in-state students who demonstrate a
24 financial need related to paying room and board expenses.

25 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
26 All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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28 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

30 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
31 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

32	2025-26	2026-27
33 GENERAL FUND	\$650,000	\$650,000
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35 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$650,000</u>	<u>\$650,000</u>

36 **SUMMARY**

37 Current law requires that state funding for a student who applies to the Maine School
38 of Science and Mathematics is available only if the student resided in Maine for at least 6
39 months prior to applying to the school. This bill instead requires that the student reside in
40 Maine at the start of the academic year for which state funds are appropriated. This bill
41 also provides ongoing funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to support

1 administrative operations and allow the administration to give financial support to in-state
2 students who demonstrate a financial need related to paying room and board expenses.