

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 513

In Senate, March 25, 2025

An Act to Prohibit the Consideration of Legacy Preferences or Donor Preferences in Postsecondary Educational Institution Admissions

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", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DUSON of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York,
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: GOLEK of Harpswell, RANA of Bangor,
SATO of Gorham.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10018 is enacted to read:

§10018. Legacy and donor preference prohibited

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Donor preference" means a preference given to an applicant to an educational institution based on the applicant's familial relationship to a person who provides or provided financial support to the institution.

B. "Educational institution" or "institution" means any postsecondary educational institution incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State.

C. "Legacy preference" means a preference given to an applicant to an educational institution based on the applicant's familial relationship to a graduate of the institution.

2. Prohibition. An educational institution may not consider a legacy preference or donor preference when determining admission to the institution.

3. Data collection. This section may not be construed to prohibit an educational institution from asking an applicant to provide information about familial relationships to graduates of the institution for the purpose of data collection.

4. Applicant's life experience. This section may not be construed to prohibit an educational institution from considering in the admissions process an applicant's discussion of how a familial relationship to a donor or graduate affected the applicant's life.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits postsecondary educational institutions in the State from considering legacy preferences or donor preferences in the admissions process.