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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Educational Costs for Maine Students in
Private Schools of Higher Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, c. 306, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 306, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 306

EDUCATIONAL GRANT FUND

§ 2322. Purpose

There is established an Educational Grant Fund to be administered by the Department of Education, to make grants to private, nonprofit, 4-year degree granting colleges or universities located within the State of Maine for the purpose of enabling those institutions to provide financial assistance by grant to young men and women who are residents of the State and who are enrolled in those institutions or who have been accepted for admission to the institutions. The institutions may use the grants only for the purposes specified in this chapter.

§2323. Educational Grant Fund

The Educational Grant Fund shall be used by the Department of Education as a nonlapsing fund for carrying out this chapter. The fund shall initially be in the sum of \$500,000. To this sum shall be charged all educational grants and any necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Education in administering the terms of this chapter. To this sum shall be credited all amounts received by the Department of Education under this chapter.

§ 2324. Duties of the Department of Education

The Department of Education of the State of Maine, acting through its commissioner and the duly qualified personnel in said department, shall distribute funds and carry out the necessary administrative duties.

§ 2325. Eligibility for grant

Any student who has been a resident of this State for at least 12 months immediately prior to application and who has been accepted for study on a full-time basis at any post-secondary, private, 4-year degree granting college or university located in this State, shall be eligible for a grant under this chapter.

§ 2326. Award and amount of grants

Any eligible student may annually receive a grant not to exceed in amount the duly established annual state subsidy payable per student at the University of Maine. Where the total cost of attendance at any given college or university for a scholastic calendar year is less than said subsidy, the grant in aid payable shall be the lesser amount. The annual amount of state subsidy per student at the University of Maine shall be computed by the Department of Education annually.

Sums so awarded shall be disbursed by the accepting institution on behalf of the student for tuition, fees, books, board or any legitimate educational expense. The awarding of grants under this section shall be made for study beginning in the fall of 1970 and succeeding years.

1. Religious study. No grant shall be made under this chapter to any student who is enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity or religious education or who is a religious aspirant.

2. Civil Rights Act. No student shall be eligible for financial aid under the terms of this chapter who seeks enrollment, or is currently enrolled, in an institution of higher education, located within this State which has failed to file with the State Board of Education, a certificate of assurance of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, P. L. 88-352, and amendments thereto.

§ 2327. Approval of grant

The award of grant in aid money to be given to student applicants shall be initially determined by the appropriate office or department duly established to disburse scholarship aid of the individual colleges or universities.

The approval of the Department of Education of the State of Maine shall be a condition precedent to the award of any grant, and a college or university may not award grant in aid money contrary to any rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

§ 2328. Computation of grants to colleges and universities

The scholarship year which terminates in 1969 shall be the base period during which the number of resident Maine students shall be ascertained.

The number of resident students shall include those who have been duly accepted for admission to a college or university for the succeeding scholastic year, but shall not include those resident students who have completed their course of study in the year 1969.

The increase in enrollment of Maine residents at any given institution in the year 1970 compared to the 1969 enrollment figure, shall be the factor to be multiplied by the amount of state subsidy payable per student at the University of Maine, in order to determine the amount of financial aid which may be disbursed by the department to colleges and universities.

In succeeding years the amount of aid to be made available shall be based on the increase of Maine residents enrolled in a college or university relative to the scholastic year which terminates in 1969. The amount of aid shall be computed in the same fashion as for the year 1970.

§ 2329. Rules and regulations

The Commissioner of Education shall prescribe rules and regulations to carry out this chapter.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$1,016,200 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(2) \$ 6,700	(2) \$ 8,500
All Other	500,000	500,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000	
	<hr/> \$507,700	<hr/> \$508,500