

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 342

H. P. 260

House of Representatives, January 26, 1971

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Providing for Scholarships for North American Indians Residing
in Maine.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, c. 119, sub-c. II, additional. Chapter 119 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter II, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER II

INDIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

§ 1481. Scholarship fund

There is established by the State of Maine a scholarship fund for the purpose of assisting North American Indians residing in Maine to obtain a secondary or post-secondary education, or both, from properly accredited institutions.

§ 1482. North American Indians residing in Maine defined

As used in this subchapter "North American Indians residing in Maine" shall be deemed to include either those persons whose names are included upon the current tribal census of either the Passamaquoddy or Penobscot Tribes of Indians or those persons who have resided in Maine for at least one year and at least one of whose parents or grandparents were either included on the census of the Passamaquoddy or Penobscot Tribes or held a band number of the Malacite or Micmac Tribes.

§ 1483. Properly accredited institutions defined

As used in this subchapter "properly accredited institutions" shall be deemed to include any and all secondary and post-secondary institutions of learning which are approved or accredited by the department of education of the state in which they are located or are approved or accredited by a regional association of secondary schools and colleges, or are approved for payment of tuition by the United States Veteran's Administration.

§ 1484. Application

Any student meeting the requirements of section 1482 may apply for a grant not exceeding \$3,000 per year for the purpose of paying his or her tuition, room, board, books and other costs of attending any institution of learning meeting the requirements of section 1483.

§ 1485. Institutional grant

Any institution that enrolls one or more grant recipients may apply for a grant not to exceed \$1,000 per enrolled grant recipient for purpose of establishing and conducting a program of support services for said grant recipient.

§ 1486. Committee

An Indian Scholarship Committee set up by the Maine State Department of Education shall, at its discretion, approve all grants under this subchapter. The composition of the Indian Scholarship Committee shall be as follows: The Supervisor of Indian Education of the Maine State Department of Education; 2 representatives of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, chosen by joint session of the tribal councils of Indian Township and Pleasant Point; 2 representatives of the Penobscot Tribe, chosen by the tribal council of the Penobscot Tribe; 2 representatives of the Association of Aroostook Indians, Inc., chosen by the board of directors of the Association of Aroostook Indians, Inc.; and a representative of the Chancellor of the University of Maine. The term of service of each member of the Indian Scholarship Committee shall be at the pleasure of his appointing authority.

The committee is authorized to accept funds for the scholarships provided by this subchapter.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of establishing this Indian Scholarship Fund the sum of \$225,000 to provide said grants to students and institutions for the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$100,000	\$125,000
Any unexpended balance shall be carried forward to the forthcoming year.		

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide funds for Maine Indians to have freedom of choice in attaining an education.