

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 902**

H. P. 696

House of Representatives, February 15, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curtis of Orono.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Clarifying the Tuition Equalization Fund for Maine Students  
Entering Maine Private Colleges.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services has funds in escrow for certain students; and

Whereas, Chapter 181 of the Private and Special Laws of 1971 expires by its terms on June 30, 1973; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**P. & S. L., 1971, c. 181, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 181 of the private and special laws of 1971 is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1. Tuition Equalization Fund.** There is appropriated from the Un-appropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$150,000 to establish a Tuition Equalization Fund to be distributed

to Maine students entering accredited Maine private colleges. ~~The allocation of these places to private colleges shall have the following priority: The greatest number of places shall be in those institutions which can demonstrate a reduced enrollment against the base year 1969-70~~ Students eligible for grants are those whose family income, as measured by taxable income for federal income purposes, is below \$10,000. Individual grants shall be no more than \$800. The selection of the grant recipients shall be made by the Council of Higher Education for Maine. The sum appropriated shall be expended for school grants for the school year 1972-1973.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not require an appropriation because the money has already been provided by the 105th Legislature.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The 105th Legislature enacted a Tuition Equalization Fund for Maine students entering Maine private colleges. The allocation was to be made by the Council for Higher Education for Maine.

Because of a problem in the wording of the law the Commissioner of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services held certain designated money in escrow until such time as the Legislature might revise the statute. The purpose of this legislation is to enable certain students to receive the grants as designated by the Council of Higher Education for Maine. Emergency legislation is proposed so that students may benefit before the expiration of the Act establishing the Tuition Equalization Fund.