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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1336

H. P. 1017 House of Representatives, March 6, 1973
Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Tuitional Equalization Fund for Maine Students Entering Maine Private Colleges.

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

Whereas, the 105th Legislature in special session established a Tuition Equalization Fund for Maine students entering Maine private colleges; and

Whereas, because certain Maine private colleges have not been in existence long enough to obtain full accreditation and therefore \$13,000 already designated for Unity College is now in escrow; and

Whereas, the Council for Higher Education has unanimously voted to recommend the following clarifying legislation; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship for Maine students and colleges; 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. The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 181 of the private and special laws of 1971 is amended to read as follows:

There is appropriated from the Unappropriated 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.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.