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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 539, L. D. 1758, Bill,
"AN ACT Establishing the Maine State Student Incentive Grants
Program."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the 4th line (3rd line in
L. D.) the following: 'SUBCHAPTER I'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 2nd line (same
in L. D.) of paragraph A of subsection 1 of that part designated
"§2247." of section 1 the underlined words "in Maine"

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 2nd line
(same in L. D.) of subsection 4 of that part designated "§2249."
of section 1 the underlined words "located within Maine"

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined
word "person" in the 3rd line (2nd line in L. D.) of paragraph
A of subsection 5 of that part designated "§2249." of section 1
the following 'who has received a certificate of graduation from
a school providing secondary education in Maine, or the recognized
equivalent of such a certificate,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the last
3 underlined sentences of paragraph A of subsection 5 of that
part designated "§2249." of section 1.

Further amend said Bill by inserting after paragraph D of
subsection 5 of that part designated "§2249." of section 1 the
following:

'E. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph A, if in the judgment of the State Board of Education, a student has graduated from a secondary school located outside of the State of Maine at a time when his parents were bona fide residents of the State of Maine, the student may be decreed eligible for the benefits of the program.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before section 4 the following:

'SUBCHAPTER II

VIET NAM ERA VETERANS PREFERENCE

§2250. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings.

1. Resident. "Resident" shall mean anyone who entered the Armed Forces of the United States while a resident of Maine and who has again taken up residence in Maine subsequent to his military service.

2. Viet Nam Era veteran. "Viet Nam Era veteran" shall be construed to mean any person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty during the Viet Nam Era and who has been discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions. A veteran of the Viet Nam Era shall have served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred after August 4, 1964, except if he was discharged for a service-connected disability after such date.

§2250-A. Intent

It is the intent of this subchapter that priority in incentive grants be given to resident Viet Nam Era veterans as defined, said veterans' grants to be subject to all other provisions of this chapter except only the requirements of residency.

In the event that needs of eligible applicants under section 2247 exceed the available amount of appropriated funds, a sum not to exceed \$250,000 or 10% of the total, whichever figure is the lesser, shall be earmarked annually for priority grants to Viet Nam Era veterans under this chapter.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment would permit Maine students who attend out-of-state institutions to benefit from the program while restricting the program further to Maine high school graduates who are in fact state residents. It also provides Viet Nam Era veterans student assistance on a priority basis.

Reported by the Committee on Education.

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