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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 224, L.D. 773, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the University of Maine to Proceed with the Development of a School of Medicine as Part of the Teaching Program of the University System."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end before the Fiscal Note the following:

'Sec. 2. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine establish a level of tuition charge for students enrolled in the School of Medicine which will provide funds sufficient to defray a substantial portion of the costs associated with the establishment and funding of the School of Medicine and it is further the intent of the Legislature that there be established a University of Maine Medical Student Tuition Loan Fund which shall provide student tuition loans and which shall also provide for a loan forgiveness of up to 100% if a medical student attending the University of Maine School of Medicine agrees to practice medicine in an area of medical scarcity in Maine for a substantial period of time.

In accordance with this legislative intent, the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine is requested and directed to prepare for submission by February 1, 1977, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education of the regular session of the 108th

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Legislature, final drafts of legislation establishing such a Medical Student Tuition Loan Fund and providing for loan forgiveness for students practicing in areas of medical scarcity and to submit as well to that committee intended tuition schedules for students attending the University of Maine School of Medicine.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment sets forth legislative intent that tuition charged for students enrolled in the University of Maine School of Medicine be set at a sufficiently high level to permit tuition charges to substantially offset the cost of establishing and operating the School of Medicine. This amendment further sets forth legislative intent that a tuition loan fund be established for the School of Medicine to be coupled with a provision that outstanding loans be substantially or completely forgiven if a student agrees to practice in an area of medical scarcity in Maine.

This amendment further provides that the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine be requested and directed to submit to the Education Committee during the regular session of the 108th Legislature plans for establishing such a loan fund and for implementing such a policy of loan forgiveness and further requests and directs the Board of Trustees to submit to that Committee intended tuition charges for students enrolled in the University of Maine School of Medicine.

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