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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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(Filing No. H-490)

HOUSE AMENDMENT" G" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to S.P. 423,  
L.D. 1481, Bill, "AN ACT Establishing the Maine Student Incentive  
Scholarship Program."

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph  
and inserting in its place the following:

'A. Have graduated from an approved Maine secondary school  
or successfully completed a general education development  
examination or its equivalent in Maine. The department is  
authorized to establish rules regarding the eligibility of  
a student who, in addition to being a resident, has had  
substantial ties with the State of Maine but who has not  
graduated from an approved Maine secondary school or success-  
fully completed a general education development examination  
or its equivalent in Maine. These rules shall include  
consideration of the length of that student's residency and  
the existence of close family ties in Maine, including  
spouse, children, siblings, parents or grandparents who are  
residentes of Maine; provided, however, that the department  
is authorized to consider as eligible an applicant whose  
parents have, prior to the student's graduation or its  
equivalent, died, have otherwise surrendered all parental

rights or have moved away from Maine. The qualifications of a student's guardian or other person acting in loco parentis to the student may be substituted for that of the parents;'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program, the sum of \$742,000 for the fiscal year 1978-79 to carry out the program.

1978-79

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program      \$742,000

It is the intent of the Legislature that any funds unexpended in this sum shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the following fiscal year to be expended in that year by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services solely for the same purpose.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment to the committee amendment is to ensure that older students who have been longtime residents of Maine are not disqualified because they did not graduate from a Maine secondary school or complete its equivalent in Maine, and it ensures that the parents' death, their surrender of parental

rights or their emigration from Maine prior to the completion of a student's education, does not exclude that student from financial assistance.

The amendment also eliminates the addition of 2 new positions within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services under this Act.

Filed by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.  
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