

STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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(Filing No. S-133)

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

Amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated "<u>§2372.</u>" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph A 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 and have parents who are deemed residents of the State of Maine at the time of the student's graduation or completion of the examination, or have graduated from an approved secondary school outside of Maine or successfully completed a general education development examination or its equivalent outside of Maine and have parents who are deemed residents of the State of Maine at the time of the student's graduation or completion of the examination;'

Further amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated "<u>§2372.</u>" by striking out all of the first underlined paragraph of subsection 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'6. Undergraduate course of study. For the purposes of subsection 5, the period during which a student may receive a state student incentive scholarship shall be the period required

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for the completion of the undergraduate course of study being pursued by that student at the institution at which the student is in attendance, except that such period may not exceed 8 semesters or its equivalent for the full-time student and 16 semesters or 120 credit hours, whichever is completed first, for the part-time student unless:'

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

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. To carry out the purposes of this program, there is appropriated to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978, the sum of \$42,000; and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979, the sum of \$794,000, the respective breakdowns - shall be as follows:

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Education Administration

| Personal Services | (2) | \$30,000 | (3) \$44,000 |
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| All Other | | 12,000 | 8,000 |
| Total, Education Administration | | \$42,000 | \$52,000 |
| Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program | | | \$742,000 |
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It is the intent of the Legislature that any money 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 is to:

 Make clear that students who have completed high school equivalency programs are eligible for this aid program;

2. Make clear that part-time students have a longer period of eligibility for aid than do full-time students; and

3. Correct the appropriation required for the program.

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