

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 627

Office of the Secretary of the Senate

The Committee on Education suggested. Approved for Introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24 and 1700 ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT Providing that Student Scholarships Under the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program Shall Not be Lowered from One School Year to the Next and Appropriating Funds to Carry Out that Intent.**

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

Whereas, the people recognize that the opportunity for a higher education for all residents of this State who desire such an education, and are properly qualified therefor, is important to the welfare and security of this State and nation and that the provision of financial assistance in securing such higher education is an important public purpose; and

Whereas, many Maine youths, fully qualified to attend an institution of higher education, are being denied that opportunity with a consequent irreparable loss to the State of Maine, mainly because of financial deficiency; and

Whereas, this natural talent is the most valuable asset of the State and not even one group of youths should be ignored; and

Whereas, many Maine students will be subjected to a much lower level of awards unless this legislation is passed; 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:

**Sec. 1. PL 1977, c. 538, § 2** is amended by adding at the end the following sentence.

**It is the intent of the Legislature that these students be eligible for the receipt of grants for the duration of their undergraduate program at a level no lower than previously granted.**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

		1978-79
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(2)	\$35,000
All Other		10,000
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Total, Educational Administrations		\$45,000
Student Incentive Scholarship Program		375,000
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Total		\$420,000

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

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the purpose of this bill to restore the will of the Legislature and create a bill to enable any citizen of the State of Maine to attend any institution of his choice in the State. Appropriations for this grant must be made immediately to allow students to make plans for the ensuing academic year.