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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 681

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7 H.P. 478

House of Representatives, February 26, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Education is suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative MacBride of Presque Isle.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Establishing Educational Scholarships
18 for Children of Firefighters and
19 Police Officers who Die in the
20 Performance of Their Duty.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 20-A MRSA c. 430 is enacted to read:

25 CHAPTER 430

26 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

27 OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE

28 LINE OF DUTY

29 §12801. Scholarships to children of certain fire-
30 fighters and law enforcement officers

1 If any law enforcement officer or firefighter is
2 killed or receives an injury which results in death
3 while in the performance of his duties as a law en-
4 forcement officer or firefighter, any child of that
5 law enforcement officer or firefighter shall be eli-
6 gible for a scholarship under this chapter.

7 §12802. Eligibility

8 To be eligible for a scholarship under this chap-
9 ter, the child must be a graduate of a public or pri-
10 vate secondary school or hold an equivalent diploma,
11 must have been accepted at a post-secondary institu-
12 tion and must be between the ages of 16 years and 21
13 years of age upon entering a post-secondary institu-
14 tion. The scholarship shall be available for the
15 normal period of time necessary for completing the
16 courses regularly offered by that post-secondary in-
17 stitution, but in no case for more than 4 years.

18 §12803. Maximum scholarship amounts

19 The amount of any scholarship granted under this
20 section shall be limited to the amount of tuition
21 charged by any state funded post-secondary institu-
22 tion or, if that child attends an institution which
23 is not state funded, an amount equal to the highest
24 tuition to which that child would be entitled if at-
25 tending a state funded institution.

26 §12804. Application

27 Applications for scholarships under this chapter
28 shall be made to the State Board of Education on such
29 forms as the State Board shall determine. If, upon
30 receipt of an application, the State Board determines
31 that the applicant qualifies for a scholarship under
32 section 12802, it shall approve the application.

33 §12805. Establishment of fund; payment

34 There is established the Law Enforcement Offi-
35 cers' and Firefighters' Dependent Scholarship Fund.
36 Payments from the fund shall be made by the Treasurer
37 of State upon a request received from the State Board
38 of Education. Payments shall be made to the
39 post-secondary institution indicated by the State
40 Board of Education.

1 §12806. Rules

2 The State Board of Education may, in compliance
3 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,
4 chapter 375, promulgate rules to carry out this chap-
5 ter.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is to establish
8 post-secondary education scholarships for children of
9 law enforcement officers and firefighters who die in
10 the line of duty.

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