

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 397

S.P. 143

In Senate, February 19, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville,  
Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk, Senator BLACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT Providing Additional Higher Education  
2 Opportunities for Maine Students.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-  
7 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
8 of this Act.

9		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
10	<u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL</u>		
11	<u>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
12	Higher Education Services		
13	All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

1 Funds to be used for  
2 the Maine Student  
3 Incentive Scholar-  
4 ship Program. Fifty  
5 percent of these  
6 funds shall be used  
7 to increase the num-  
8 ber of scholarships  
9 and 50% shall be  
10 used to increase the  
11 average award per  
12 scholarship.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This bill provides funds for expanding and in-  
15 creasing financial aid for the State's college stu-  
16 dents.

17 The Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program,  
18 MSISP, is administered by the Department of Educa-  
19 tional and Cultural Services. This program is funded  
20 with both federal and state funds, governed by state  
21 rules adapted to federal rules and regulations and is  
22 designed to provide financial aid for the State's  
23 postsecondary students.

24 The Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program  
25 is designed to:

26 1. Promote educational opportunity by reducing  
27 financial barriers;

28 2. Provide diversity in postsecondary education-  
29 al opportunities by extending the freedom of in-  
30 stitutional choice within the State and the other  
31 New England states; and

32 3. Help students meet educational costs by com-  
33 bining state and federal aid with applicant and  
34 parental funds.

35 The Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program

1 seeks to ease economic barriers to education beyond  
2 high school for the State's residents in order to:

3 1. Enable students to enter and extend their  
4 postsecondary education;

5 2. Encourage diversity in postsecondary educa-  
6 tion by permitting an institutional choice; and

7 3. Assist those in financial need to meet col-  
8 lege costs.

9 The Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program  
10 provides equity and fairness in administration by  
11 awarding program funds using uniform methodology  
12 needs procedures for financial data and using various  
13 means of communication so all the State's residents  
14 will be informed and have access to the program.

15 In 1985-86, 2,081 of the State's students re-  
16 ceived aid from the Maine Student Incentive Scholar-  
17 ship Program, with 43% of the students going to pub-  
18 lic institutions in the State and 21% to private in-  
19 stitutions.

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