

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Emergency)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1989

S.P. 730 In Senate, January 7, 1988
Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural
Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and
ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator PEARSON of Penobscot,
Representative LAWRENCE of Parsonsfield, Representative CARTER
of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend the Law Concerning the Maine
2 Student Incentive Scholarship Program.
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
5 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
6 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until
8 after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

9 Whereas, the funds appropriated for use by
10 students to meet the costs of higher education must be

1 expended before the beginning of the next fiscal year;
2 and

3 Whereas, it is projected that there will be a
4 portion of the appropriated funds that will be
5 unexpended before the beginning of the next fiscal
6 year; and

7 Whereas, the inability to expend all the funds
8 appropriated due to limiting statutory language will
9 cause a hardship for students who were eligible to
10 receive funds but did not; and

11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
12 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
13 Constitution of Maine and require the following
14 legislation as immediately necessary for the
15 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
16 now, therefore,

17 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
18 follows:

19 20-A MRSA §11608, sub-§3, as amended by PL
20 1985, c. 779, §56, is further amended to read:

21 3. State University of Maine System; grant
22 allocation. The department may allocate up to 25% of
23 the state student incentive scholarship grants to
24 eligible students attending the University of Maine
25 System, up to 2 1/2% to eligible students attending
26 the Maine Maritime Academy and, up to 2 1/2% to
27 eligible students attending the vocational-technical
28 institutes. The balance shall be granted to eligible
29 students attending other eligible institutions of
30 higher education. If administration of the scholarship
31 program does not result in use of all the funds
32 allocated for Maine Maritime Academy or students,
33 vocational-technical institute students or eligible
34 students attending other eligible institutions of
35 higher education by ~~October 1st~~ November 15th of
36 any school year, the department shall reallocate the
37 unused funds for use by eligible students attending

1 the University of Maine System. If the funds are
2 reallocated, the total amount of funds allocated for
3 use by students attending the University of Maine
4 System may exceed the percentage provided, in this
5 subsection. The balance of funds shall be granted
6 to eligible students attending other eligible
7 institutions-of-higher-education.

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

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill will provide the flexibility necessary
13 to allow for the expenditure of all funds appropriated
14 for this program in each fiscal year by making
15 provision for the reallocation of any unused funds
16 but, concurrently, retaining the grant allocation
17 requirements of the current law. This will ensure
18 that as many students as possible will receive all the
19 aid available as provided by the appropriation.

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