

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1994

S.P. 735 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 RANDALL of Washington.

Cosponsored by Senator ESTES of York, Representative SMALL
of Bath, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend the Law Concerning the Blaine
2 House Scholars Program.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSa §12501, sub-§§1-A and 3-A are
7 enacted to read:

8 1-A. College students. "College students" means
9 those students who have previously graduated from a

1 Maine high school and are attending an institution of
2 higher education on a full-time basis at the time of
3 application for program participation.

4 3-A. Graduating high school seniors. "Graduating
5 high school seniors" means those students who graduate
6 from a Maine high school at the end of the academic
7 year and who will be entering their first year in an
8 institution of higher education at the beginning of
9 the next academic year. Academic year is considered
10 to be a September to June time period.

11 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12502, as enacted by PL
12 1983, c. 859, Pt. F, §§1 and 2, is amended to read:

13 §12502. Blaine House Scholars and Financial Assistance
14 Program

15 There is established the Blaine House Scholars and
16 Financial Assistance Program to recognize Maine high
17 school graduates who attain high academic achievement,
18 to provide financial assistance for post-secondary
19 education of graduating high school students
20 seniors and college students and advanced degree or
21 continued study by teachers. The program shall
22 recognize outstanding graduating high school
23 students seniors and college students as described
24 in section 12503 and disburse interest free loans as
25 described in section 12504. The program shall be
26 administered by the commissioner.

27 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12503, first ¶, as enacted
28 by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. F, §§1 and 2, is amended to
29 read:

30 Each year graduating high school seniors and
31 college students who show evidence of academic
32 achievement shall be considered for recognition as
33 Blaine House scholars. Nominations and applications
34 shall be submitted to the commissioner at a time and
35 in a format to be determined by rule of the
36 commissioner.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill expands the eligibility for program
3 participation to include students enrolled in a higher
4 education institution on a full-time basis at the time
5 of making application. These students are in addition
6 to graduating high school seniors. There are many
7 Maine students at all levels of higher education who
8 need financial aid and this program should not be
9 restricted only to graduating high school seniors.

10 The Blaine House Scholars Program's major emphasis
11 is the encouragement of the best and brightest of our
12 Maine students to seek a career in teaching. There
13 may be many potentially excellent teachers currently
14 enrolled in a higher education institution who should
15 be made eligible for this program.

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