

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2144

S.P. 822

In Senate, January 26, 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

AN ACT to Provide for the
Establishment of a Nonlapsing Fund for the
Maine Student Incentive Scholarship
Program.

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

20-A MRSA §11609 is enacted to read:

§11609. Nonlapsing fund

1 Any unexpended funds appropriated by the
2 Legislature to carry out the purposes of this program
3 shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward for
4 continued use in the program.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 Each year the applicant pool varies in its
7 composition relative to the number of eligible
8 students attending high-cost private institutions and
9 low-cost public institutions. The financial needs of
10 students change annually. In addition, it is
11 impossible to determine in advance the number of
12 eligible recipients who will change plans and not
13 attend school or who will enroll and then drop out for
14 whatever reason. It is also impossible to determine
15 in advance the number of students who will lose awards
16 once given because of transfer to an ineligible
17 school. As a result of these factors, there may be an
18 amount of the funds originally appropriated for the
19 program which will be unused in any given fiscal year.

20 This bill makes a provision to allow any unused
21 funds to be carried forward to the next year to be
22 used for grants to additional students.

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