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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 200, L.D. 291, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Student Incentive Scholarship Program"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 559, §10, is amended to read:

5. Institution of higher education. "Institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education located within this State, or within another state with which this State has a reciprocal agreement or within another state that permits portability. The institutions shall meet the requirements of and conform to the definitions contained in the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, Section 1201, as amended, United States Code, Title 20, Section 1141; and the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, Section 491, as amended, United States Code, Title 20, Section 1088; and the regulations, guidelines and procedures promulgated by the Secretary of Education and published in the Federal Register pursuant to these sections of law.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Portability. "Portability" means permission to use funding provided to a student for education by a state, as a grant, loan, scholarship or any combination, in an academic program and institution regardless of geographic location.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1, 1992.

Sec. 4. Application. This Act applies to the Maine student incentive scholarship program awards for the 1992-93 academic year and all academic years thereafter.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill could increase the number of students eligible to apply for scholarships under the student incentive scholarship program laws and may result in the need for General Fund appropriations to continue to serve the number of students currently funded by the program.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment restores the provision of current law, removed by the original bill, that restricted eligibility to institutions of higher learning in those states with which this State has a reciprocal agreement, extends eligibility to those states that permit portability and defines "portability."

Reported by the Committee on Education
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