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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 567

In Senate, April 11, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, Representative PARADIS of Augusta and Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

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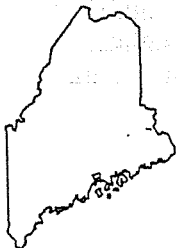
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Establish the Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund  
for Law School Graduates Pursuing Public Interest Employment.**

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

4 Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1013, sub-§§11 and 12, as enacted by PL 1989,  
c. 698, §10, are amended to read:

6 11. Student Educational Enhancement Deposit Plan. The  
8 Student Educational Enhancement Deposit Plan, as established in  
Title 20-A, chapter 430; and

10 12. Maine Choice Program. The Maine Choice Program, as  
12 established in Title 20-A, chapter 430-A; and

14 Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1013, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

16 13. Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund. The Law  
18 Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund, as established in Title  
20-A, chapter 420.

20 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA c. 420 is enacted to read:

22 CHAPTER 420

24 LAW STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE FUND

26 §11701. Definitions

28 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

30 1. Authority. "Authority" means the Finance Authority of  
32 Maine.

34 2. Chief Executive Officer. "Chief Executive Officer"  
means the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of  
36 Maine.

38 3. Fund. "Fund" means the Law Student Loan Repayment  
Assistance Fund created by this chapter.

40 4. Law-related public interest work. "Law-related public  
42 interest work" means any employment as a lawyer on behalf of  
private nonprofit organizations that provide legal services or on  
44 behalf of any governmental agency.

46 §11702. Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund

48 1. Creation. The Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance  
Fund is created under the jurisdiction of the authority as a  
49 nonlapsing, interest-earning, revolving fund to encourage  
50 University of Maine School of Law graduates to pursue public  
service careers by providing grants to qualified applicants to  
52 assist them in repaying loans incurred for their legal education.



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2 forward for the designated  
purpose.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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10 This bill establishes the nonlapsing Law Student Loan  
12 Repayment Assistance Fund to provide grants to University of  
14 Maine School of Law graduates employed in law-related public  
interest work to assist in repayment of student loans for law  
school education. Funding is established at \$80,000 for the  
first biennium.