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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.

#### STATE OF MAINE

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

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



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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 Student Educational Enhancement Deposit Plan, as established in
8	Title 20-A, chapter 430; and
10	12. Maine Choice Program. The Maine Choice Program, as established in Title 20-A, chapter 430-A+; and
12	Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1013, sub-§13 is enacted to read:
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3.6	13. Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund. The Law
16	Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund, as established in Title
18	20-A, chapter 420.
	Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA c. 420 is enacted to read:
20	CHAPTER 420
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	LAW STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE FUND
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	§11701. Definitions
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	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
28	indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
3.0	1. Authority. "Authority" means the Finance Authority of
32	Maine.
32	2. Chief Executive Officer. / "Chief Executive Officer"
34	means the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of
	Maine.
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	3. Fund. "Fund" means the Law Student Loan Repayment
38	Assistance Fund created by this chapter.
40	A law related public interest work "law related public
40	4. Law-related public interest work. "Law-related public interest work" means any employment as a lawyer on behalf of
42	private nonprofit organizations that provide legal services or on
44	behalf of any governmental agency.
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**	§11702. Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund
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20	1. Creation. The Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance
48	Fund is created under the jurisdiction of the authority as a
	nonlapsing, interest-earning, revolving fund to encourage
50	University of Maine School of Law graduates to pursue public
50	service careers by providing grants to qualified applicants to
52	assist them in repaying loans incurred for their legal education.

2	2. Uses of fund. Money received on behalf of the fund,								
4	except interest income, must be used for the designated purpose.  Interest income may be used for the designated purpose or to pay								
-	administrative costs incurred in administration of the fund, as								
6	determined by the authority.								
8	3. Funding continuity. The Chief Executive Officer shall								
. "	include in the biennial budget a request adequate to fund the								
10	grant program. Any unexpended balance carries over for continued								
12	use as authorized by subsection 2.								
. 12	§11703. Eligibility								
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	To be eligible for a grant under this chapter, an applicant								
16	must:								
18	1. Outstanding loans. Graduate from the University of								
	Maine School of Law after May 1, 1991 with outstanding loans for								
20	<pre>law school education;</pre>								
22	2. Employment. Be employed in law-related public interest								
	work within the State; and								
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	3. Other requirements. Meet such other requirements of								
26	financial need and need for the legal services provided as may be								
28	established by rules adopted under this chapter.								
20	§11704. Administration								
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-	The Chief Executive Officer shall administer the fund in								
32	consultation with the Dean of the University of Maine School of								
	Law and such other persons as the dean may designate.								
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	Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated								
36	from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.								
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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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

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