

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1745

H.P. 1192

House of Representatives, April 30, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Representative BUTLAND of Cumberland and Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program.

(EMERGENCY)

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law does not make a specific allocation of the student incentive scholarship grants to part-time students; and

Whereas, there is a need to make an allocation of the scholarship grants to part-time students; and

Whereas, for part-time students to get maximum benefit from the scholarship grants it is necessary to allocate the grants before the next academic year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11612, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 559, §10, is amended to read:

The scholarships shall ~~may~~ be given only to residents of the State who:

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Part-time students. The authority must allocate at least 5% of the student incentive scholarship grants to eligible part-time students. The authority, when allocating grants to part-time students, must give priority to students who have successfully completed a general educational development examination or its equivalent. Any unexpended balance may not lapse but must remain a part of the State's student incentive scholarship program.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill requires the Finance Authority of Maine to allocate at least 5% of the state student incentive scholarship grants to part-time students with a priority for students who have successfully completed a general educational development examination or its equivalent.