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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding the Repayment of Blaine House Scholarships.



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

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3 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12501, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
4 859, Pt. F, §§1 and 2, is amended to read:

6 **6. Return service.** "Return service" means teacher service
7 in public elementary and secondary schools in Maine or a Maine
8 private school approved for tuition purposes for a full school
9 year or teacher service of a secular nature only in a nonpublic
10 sectarian elementary or secondary school.

12 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12507, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c.
14 698, §37 and affected by §76, is further amended to read:

16 Each recipient of a loan may cancel the total amount of the
17 loan by completing 4 years of return services--in-the--public
18 schools--or--private--schools--approved--for--tuition--purposes--in--the
19 State service. The repayment period shall--be is 2 years if
20 return service is performed in underserved subject areas or in
21 geographically isolated areas as determined by the commissioner.
22 Return service may also cancel the loan on a proportional basis,
23 reducing the total amount of the debt by 25% for each year of
24 return service. Return service for this purpose shall must be
25 performed within 5 years of graduation from the institution of
26 higher education. Failure to fulfill the return service option
27 will--necessitate necessitates repayment to the authority as
28 follows.

30 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12508, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
32 553, §7, is further amended to read:

34 Each recipient of a loan designated for teachers pursuing
35 graduate study or continuing education or for students pursuing
36 postbaccalaureate teacher certification may cancel the total
37 amount of the loan by completing 2 years of return service in--the
38 public--schools--or--private--schools--approved--for--tuition--purposes
39 in--the--State. The repayment period is one year if return service
40 is performed in underserved subject areas or in geographically
41 isolated areas as determined by the commissioner. Return service
42 may also cancel the loan on a proportional basis, reducing the
43 total amount of the debt by 50% for each year of return service.
44 Return service for this purpose must be performed within 3 years
45 of graduation from the institution of higher education or
46 completion of the course or courses for which the funds were
47 given. Failure to fulfill the return service option will
48 necessitate necessitates repayment to the authority as follows.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill amends the definition of "return service" under
6 the Blaine House Scholars and Financial Assistance Program and
8 amends the language on repayment of loans from that program. The
 bill operates to allow repayment of those loans through return
 service in a nonpublic sectarian elementary or secondary school
 if the teacher service is of a secular nature only.