

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 14, 1998

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**An Act to Provide Access to Veterinary Education for Maine Students.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry 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 LONGLEY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon and  
Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, CROSS of  
Dover-Foxcroft, DUNLAP of Old Town, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PIEH of  
Bremen, PINKHAM of Lamoine, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

2                   **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12103, sub-§§1 to 3**, as enacted by PL 1991,  
4 c. 830, §4 and c. 832, §10, are amended to read:

6                   **1. Positions.** The Access to Medical Education Program is  
8 established under this section. Under this program, the chief  
10 executive officer shall secure up to ~~20~~ 22 positions annually for  
12 Maine students at schools of allopathic ~~ex,~~ osteopathic or  
14 veterinary medical education up to an aggregate of ~~80~~ 88  
16 positions. Five positions are for students of osteopathic  
18 medicine and, 15 positions are for students of allopathic  
20 medicine and 2 positions are for students of veterinary  
22 medicine. If there is an insufficient number of qualified  
applicants for positions in either ~~discipline~~ allopathic or  
osteopathic medicine, the chief executive officer may increase or  
decrease the number of positions available in either discipline.  
The allopathic and osteopathic medicine positions are available  
only to eligible students commencing professional education on or  
after January 1, 1993. The veterinary medicine positions are  
available to students commencing medical education on or after  
January 1, 1999.

24                   **2. Application process.** Students shall apply directly to  
26 an institution of allopathic ~~ex,~~ osteopathic or veterinary  
28 medical education with which the authority has a contract to  
secure positions.

30                   **3. Requirements.** Each student obtaining a position in an  
32 institution of allopathic or osteopathic medical education shall  
34 enter into an agreement with the authority by which the student  
36 agrees during the student's medical education to complete  
38 clinical education in rural areas and health professional  
40 shortage areas of this State as provided in the contract between  
42 the institutions of medical education and the authority. Each  
student obtaining a position in an institution of veterinary  
medical education shall enter into an agreement with the  
authority by which the student agrees during the student's  
medical education to complete clinical education in an area  
determined to have insufficient veterinary services as provided  
in the contract between the institutions of veterinary medicine  
and the authority.

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46                   **SUMMARY**

48                   This bill amends the laws governing the program under which  
50 the Finance Authority of Maine secures access for Maine residents  
at institutions of allopathic and osteopathic medicine by  
expanding the program to include access for students of  
veterinary medicine.