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House of Representatives, January 15, 1998

#### An Act to Promote Access to Public Higher Education.

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

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, KONTOS of Windham, McELROY of Unity, RICHARD of Madison, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 208 is repealed.
4	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 208-A is enacted to read:
6	CHAPTER 208-A
8	POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT
10	§4771, Eligible institution; defined
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14	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, "eligible institution" means the institutions of the
	<u>University of Maine System and the Maine Technical College System.</u>
16	§4772. Postsecondary courses
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<b>2</b> 0	A secondary student may take one course each semester at an eligible institution if that student meets the admission
22	requirements of the eligible institution and the criteria established by the student's school administrative unit.
24	§4773. Dissemination of information
<b>2</b> 6	<u>School administrative units shall provide general</u>
	information concerning postsecondary education options available
28	to parents and students.
30	<u>§4774. Credits</u>
32	1. High school credit. A school administrative unit shall
	grant academic credit toward a high school diploma to a student
34	who successfully completes a course under this chapter.
36	2. Postsecondary credit. The eligible institution shall
	grant full credit to any student who successfully completes a
38	course at the eligible institution under this chapter. The
40	course must apply to graduation requirements at the eligible institution in which it was taken or be transferable to another
40	eligible institution on an equal basis with a course taken by any
42	other student at the eligible institution.
44	§4775. Payment
46	1. Tuition and fees. A school administrative unit shall
	pay 50% of the in-state tuition for the first course taken each

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semester by a student at an eligible institution. The eligible institution may not make any additional tuition charges for the course but may impose fees and charges, other than tuition, that are ordinarily imposed on students not covered by this chapter.

2. Reimbursement. The department shall reimburse a school administrative unit for the costs of tuition for secondary students taking courses under this chapter.

10 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§22, ¶E, as amended by PL 1989, c. 600, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

E. The cost of tuition, books, fees and transportation for courses taken at post-secondary postsecondary institutions under chapter 208 208-A;

#### **SUMMARY**

20 This bill permits eligible secondary students to take one course per semester at the University of Maine System or the 22 Maine Technical College System. One half the cost of the tuition is the responsibility of the postsecondary institution. One half 24 is paid by the school administrative unit and is reimbursed by the Department of Education.

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