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L.D. 708

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6	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS								
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12	STATE OF MAINE								
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE								
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION								
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 501, L.D. 708, Bill, "Ar								
20	Act to Provide Educational Opportunities for Persons Who Resided in Foster Care as Children"								
22	Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated								
24	" <u>\$12571.</u> " by inserting after subsection 3 the following:								
26	'4. Unmet need. "Unmet need" means the difference between the total cost of attendance for an academic year at a state								
28	postsecondary educational institution and the total of alsources of financial assistance, including loans, grants								
30	work-study programs, federal funds provided through the Department of Human Services for the education of foster children								
32	and all other available sources.'								
34	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$12572." by striking out all of the first indented paragraph								
36	(page 1, lines 29 to 33 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:								
38	'Any parson who was in the quetadar of the Department of								
40	'Any person who was in the custody of the Department of Human Services and resided in foster care at the time that person graduated from high school or successfully completed a general								
42	educational development examination or its equivalent under section 257 may attend, as provided in this section, any state								
44	postsecondary educational institution free of tuition charges.'								
46	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$12572." in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph 1								
48	(page 1, lines 40 and 41 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:								

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 501, L.D. 708

4	B. A high school graduate or has attained a high school
	equivalency diploma as described under section 257; and'
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6	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$12572." by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 46
O	to 48 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:
8	to 10 in 1.1., and inscreing in its piace the following.
	'2. Limitation. The tuition waiver provided by this
10	chapter is limited to:
12	A. Persons participating in undergraduate degree programs
14	or certificate programs of at least one year;
14	B. Persons who have not been enrolled full time for more
16	than 5 years or the equivalent;
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18	C. Persons who have completed an application for federal
	student financial aid programs for which they may be
20	eligible; and
22	D. Eligible persons with unmet needs remaining, after all
24	financial resources are considered, toward the total cost of
27	attendance pursuant to section 11613,'
26	Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated
	"§12573." by inserting after subsection 2 the following:
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	'3. Limitation. Tuition waivers to eligible persons are
30	limited to 25 students per year.
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32	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:
34	Summary the following.
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36	'FISCAL NOTE
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38	Requiring the University of Maine System, the Maine
40	Technical College System and the Maine Maritime Academy to meet
40	the unmet need through a tuition waiver for certain persons who have resided in foster care will reduce tuition revenue for those
42	institutions. Since the number of persons that will be eligible
	for the waiver is limited to 25 students per year, the
44	postsecondary education institutions will not request additional
	General Fund appropriations to offset the reduced revenue
46	amounts.'
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SUMMARY

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	This	amendment	clarifies	the	eligibility	criteria	and
4	limitation	provisions	of tuiti	on wa	aivers estab	lished in	the
	original bi	.ll. This a	mendment ac	compli	ishes the fol:	lowing.	

- 1. It eliminates the age criterion as a basis for eligibility and clarifies that any person who was in the custody of the Department of Human Services and resided in foster care at the time that person graduated from high school or successfully completed a general educational development examination or its equivalent is eligible for a tuition waiver.
- 2. It permits a tuition waiver to be available to a student enrolled in a certificate program of at least one year, as well as for a student enrolled in an undergraduate degree program.
- 3. It defines "unmet need" and limits the amount of the tuition waiver available to an eligible person to the difference between the total cost of attendance at the postsecondary educational institution and the total of all sources of financial assistance, including federal funds provided through the Department of Human Services.
- 4. It limits the scope of the tuition waiver program by limiting it to 25 eligible persons per year.
- This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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