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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

An Act to Establish a Scholarship Fund for Law Enforcement Education.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Be	it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
§2,	Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1013, sub-§15, as amended by PL 1997, c. 732, is further amended to read:
Mai	15. Scholarships for Maine Fund. The Scholarships for me Fund, as established in Title 20-A, chapter 419-C; and
Şз,	Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1013, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 732, is amended to read:
Sav	16. Maine College Savings Program. The Maine College ings Program, as established in Title 20-A, chapter 417-E+: and
	Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1013, sub-§17 is enacted to read:
	17. Scholarships for Law Enforcement Education Fund. The colarships for Law Enforcement Education Fund. as established Title 20-A, chapter 428-A.
	Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA c. 428-A is enacted to read:
	CHAPTER 428-A
	SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION FUND
<b>§</b> 12	521. Definitions
ind	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise icates, the following terms have the following meanings.
Mai	1. Authority. "Authority" means the Finance Authority of ne.
mea	2. Chief executive officer. "Chief executive officer" ans the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of
Mai	ne.
Do c	3. State postsecondary educational institution. "State tesecondary educational institution" means the University of
Mai	ne System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Technica.  lege System.
<b>\$12</b>	2522. Scholarships for Law Enforcement Education Fund
	There is established the Scholarships for Law Enforcement
	cation Fund to provide financial assistance to colleged dents and graduating high school seniors who demonstrate as
	corest in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The chies

executive officer shall administer the fund and shall establish by rule the rates of interest or fees to be charged.

#### \$12523. Allocation and distribution of funds; renewal

The chief executive officer shall establish by rule the allocation and distribution of funds available under this chapter. Loans for students are for one academic year and may be renewed if the student maintains a grade point average of 2.5 based on a scale of 4.0 or an equivalent scale.

#### \$12524. Eligibility requirements

A postsecondary education loan may be given to a graduating high school senior or college student who is a resident of the State and demonstrates an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement. Preference must be given to students who have been accepted by or are currently enrolled in a state postsecondary educational institution. Eligibility for renewal is as provided under section 12523.

#### \$12525. Payment: repayment: deferment

24 The payment of loans to the student, the procedure and schedule for repayment of the loan and the granting of a deferment are as established by rule of the authority.

#### \$12526. Funding

30 The Scholarships for Law Enforcement Education Fund is created under the jurisdiction of the authority as a nonlapsing, 32 interest-earning, revolving fund to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The authority may receive, invest and expend, on 34 behalf of the fund, money from gifts, grants, bequests, loans and donations, in addition to money appropriated or allocated by the 36 Legislature. Loan repayments under this chapter or other repayments to the authority must be invested by the authority, as 38 provided by law, with the earned income to be added to the fund. Money received by the authority on behalf of the fund, except interest income, must be used for the purpose designated in 40 section 12522; interest income may be used for the designated 42 purpose or to pay student financial assistance administrative costs incurred by the authority as determined appropriate by the 44 authority.

#### \$12527. Rules

Rules adopted under this chapter are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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4	This bill establishes the Scholarships for Law Enforcement
	Education Fund. The fund is established to provide financial
6	assistance to college students and graduating high school seniors
	who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in law
8	enforcement. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance
	Authority of Maine shall administer the fund. Financial
10	assistance will be in the form of a loan with repayment
	established by rule of the authority.