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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.



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

4 **§12523. Allocation and distribution of funds; renewal**

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

12 **§12524. Eligibility requirements**

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

22 **§12525. Payment; repayment; deferment**

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

28 **§12526. Funding**

30 The Scholarships for Law Enforcement Education Fund is  
31 created under the jurisdiction of the authority as a nonlapsing,  
32 interest-earning, revolving fund to carry out the purposes of  
33 this chapter. The authority may receive, invest and expend, on  
34 behalf of the fund, money from gifts, grants, bequests, loans and  
35 donations, in addition to money appropriated or allocated by the  
36 Legislature. Loan repayments under this chapter or other  
37 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.  
39 Money received by the authority on behalf of the fund, except  
40 interest income, must be used for the purpose designated in  
41 section 12522; interest income may be used for the designated  
42 purpose or to pay student financial assistance administrative  
43 costs incurred by the authority as determined appropriate by the  
44 authority.

46 **§12527. Rules**

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

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## SUMMARY

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