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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 762, L.D. 1085, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Qualifications for Participation in the High School Aspirations Incentives Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S4772-A.~~" in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "10" and inserting in its place the following: '11'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S4772-A.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Recommendation. Has received a recommendation to take a postsecondary course or courses at an eligible institution from the student's school administration following an assessment of the student by the school administration; and'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill expands the pool of students eligible to take postsecondary education courses. The Department of Education is required to pay for 50% of the cost of the tuition for these students. The additional General Fund appropriations required by the department as a result of this expansion can not be

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2 determined at this time. Public Law 1999, chapter 16, the  
"2000-2001 current services" budget, includes General Fund  
4 appropriations of approximately \$77,250 and \$79,500 in fiscal  
years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for these tuition costs.

6 The University of Maine System, Maine Technical College  
System and Maine Maritime Academy will incur some minor  
8 additional costs to waive 50% of the tuition costs for these  
students. These costs can be absorbed within the postsecondary  
10 education institutions' existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

16 This amendment provides that a high school student must be  
enrolled in grade 11 or 12 to qualify for the eligibility  
18 exception for receipt of a state subsidy for postsecondary  
courses provided in the bill. The amendment also clarifies that  
20 to qualify for the eligibility exception a student must be  
assessed and recommended by the administration of the student's  
school. Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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