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No. 1779

S.P. 614

In Senate, March 9, 1999

An Act to Make Changes to the Student Incentive Scholarship Program.

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot.

- Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. HH, §1, is further amended to read:

6 2. Minimum amount. It is the intent of the Legislature that scholarships awarded under this chapter, except as provided in subsections 3-A, 4, 5 and 6, may not be less than \$1,000; 8 however, amounts less than \$1,000 may be awarded to meet a need 10 of less than \$1,000 determined under section 11613. In no event may the authority grant awards of less than \$200 to a full-time 12 An award to a student under this chapter may not be student. applied to reduce institutional or other grant aid to that student. 14

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

 18 3-A. Scholarships for students attending out-of-state institutions. A scholarship for a student attending an institution of higher education in another state may not exceed 50% of the amount of a scholarship awarded to a student attending an institution of higher education located in this State.

**SUMMARY** 

This bill amends the student incentive scholarship program, which provides scholarships of \$1,000 to students attending institutions of higher learning in Maine and in other states with which Maine has a reciprocity agreement or that permit portability of funding.

This bill decreases the amount of a scholarship that may be awarded to a student attending an institution of higher learning outside of this State to half that awarded to a student attending a school in the State.