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S.P. 635

In Senate, March 10, 1999

An Act to Restore the Distribution Formula Between Private and Public Colleges within the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc. Cosponsored by Representative RICHARD of Madison.

Be it	enacted	by	the	Peop	le of	the	State	of	' Maine	as	foll	ows:
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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

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3-A. Scholarships for students attending private institutions. Scholarships for students attending private institutions of higher education must be 2 times the amount of scholarships awarded to students attending public institutions of higher education.

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11616, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 559, §10, is amended to read:

1. Length of scholarship; eligibility. A scholarship shall

16 18 may not be for a period net-te-exceed of more than one academic year. A student may apply for a new scholarship for each year during the period required for completion of an eligible program of study being pursued by that student. A scholarship recipient who remains eligible shall and who has been determined by the authority to have a financial need according to the criteria set forth in section 11613 must be eensidered awarded a scholarship in the each succeeding award year during the period required for completion of an eligible program of study.

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26 SUMMARY

28 This bill revives the statutory provision that required student incentive scholarships awarded to students attending 30 private institutions of higher education to be 2 times the amount of scholarships awarded to students attending public institutions 32 of higher education. This bill also amends the length of scholarship provision by requiring that scholarship recipients 34 remain eligible under the demonstrated financial need criteria must be awarded a new scholarship for each year during 36 the period required for completion of an eligible program of study.