

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 2033

S.P. 711

In Senate, March 24, 1999

**An Act to Provide the Opportunity for Students from All Parts of the State to Benefit from funding for Higher Education.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, RICHARD of Madison.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4775**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 758, §2, is amended to read:

**§4775. Payment; appropriations**

The department shall pay 50% of the in-state tuition for the first 3 credit hours taken each semester by a student at an eligible institution and up to 6 credit hours per academic year. The eligible institution may not make any additional tuition charges for the course but may impose fees and charges, other than tuition, that are ordinarily imposed on students not covered by this chapter. Funds appropriated to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter must be in addition to the customary and ongoing amounts appropriated for general purpose aid for local schools. At least 1/32 of the appropriated funds must be distributed within each county for students from that county.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that at least 1/32 of the funds appropriated for high school students taking postsecondary courses be distributed within each county for students from that county.