

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2000

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Legislative Document

No. 2366

S.P. 914

In Senate, January 12, 2000

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### An Act to Create Equity in Access to Secondary Education.

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and  
Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, PINGREE of Knox, Representative: VOLENIK of  
Brooklin.

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

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**Sec. 1. Island Grant Program established.** There is established the Island Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Education, to help island families meet boarding school costs if there is no regular transportation or ferry service for their children to attend a local school. Nonlapsing funds awarded under the grant program must be distributed by the department as part of a the general purpose aid to education disbursement and may be used only for the costs of tuition, room and board at a state-approved secondary school after the student has exhausted other financial aid resources. The funds must be awarded to the town where the student resides and be matched by the town. The department may adopt rules necessary to administer the grant program. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<b>2000-01</b>
<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
<b>Island Grant Program</b>	
All Other	\$50,000
Provides funds for a grant program for island families to send their children to boarding school if there is no regular transportation or ferry service.	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish and fund a grant program for those island families that must send their children to boarding school as they have no regular transportation or ferry service.