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H.P. 758

House of Representatives, February 20, 2001

An Act to Reduce Tuition at Postsecondary Education Institutions of the State for Students Who Maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average in High School.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINS of Wells.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, COLWELL of Gardiner, DESMOND of Mapleton,
RICHARD of Madison, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SKOGLUND of St. George,
SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, WESTON of Montville.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10909** is enacted to read:

6 **§10909. Reduced tuition**

8 **1. Eligibility.** A graduate from a secondary school in the
10 State who graduates with a grade point average of at least 3.0 or
the equivalent and qualifies for in-state tuition may receive a
reduced tuition at a university institution if:

12 A. The student attends the university institution within 2
14 years of graduating from secondary school; and

16 B. The combined income of the parents of the student is
\$30,000 or less.

18 **2. Reduction levels.** The reduction in in-state tuition for
20 a student who qualifies under subsection 1 is:

22 A. Five percent for the student's first year;

24 B. Five percent for the student's 2nd year;

26 C. Ten percent for the student's 3rd year; and

28 D. Ten percent for the student's 4th year.

30 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12723** is enacted to read:

32 **§12723. Reduced tuition**

34 **1. Eligibility.** A graduate from a secondary school in the
36 State who graduates with a grade point average of at least 3.0 or
the equivalent and qualifies for in-state tuition may receive a
reduced tuition at a college if:

38 A. The student attends the college within 2 years of
40 graduating from secondary school; and

42 B. The combined income of the parents of the student is
\$30,000 or less.

44 **2. Reduction levels.** The reduction in in-state tuition for
46 a student who qualifies under subsection 1 is:

48 A. Ten percent for the student's first year; and

50 B. Ten percent for the student's 2nd year.

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SUMMARY

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This bill allows secondary school students who graduate with at least a 3.0 grade point average to receive reduced tuition at the University of Maine System or the Maine Technical College System.