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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 300, L.D. 1011, Bill, "An Act to Modify the Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program"

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law regarding the requirements of the student incentive scholarship grants awarded through the Maine student incentive scholarship program does not adequately provide postsecondary education institutions in the State with the level of flexibility necessary to provide additional financial assistance to students with the greatest financial need when additional funds become available; and

Whereas, the packaging of student financial assistance for eligible Maine college students who will matriculate or will continue enrollment in a postsecondary educational institution in the fall of 2001 is already underway and it is necessary to provide postsecondary education institutions in the State with this flexibility as soon as possible to provide additional financial assistance to students for the upcoming 2001-02 academic year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
3 safety; now, therefore,'
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6 Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated
"~~§11614.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in
its place the following:
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10 '2. **Minimum amount.** It is the intent of the Legislature
that ~~scholarships~~ grants awarded under this chapter, except as
provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6, may not be less than: \$1,000
12 for students attending public institutions of higher education
within the State; \$1,250 for students attending private
14 institutions of higher education within the State; \$500 for
students attending public institutions of higher education
16 outside the State; and \$1,000 for students attending private
institutions of higher education outside the State. Amounts less
18 than the minimum amounts required by this subsection may be
awarded to meet needs as determined under section 11613. The
20 authority may not grant awards of less than \$200 to a full-time
student. ~~A scholarship received by a student under this chapter
22 may not be applied to reduce institutional or other grant aid to
that student.'~~

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26 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the
following:

28 'Sec. 11. 20-A MRSAs §§11619 and 11620 are enacted to read:

30 **§11619. Reduction of institutional or other grant aid**

32 A grant received by a student under this chapter may be
34 applied to reduce institutional or other grant aid to that
student only if that institutional or grant aid is subsequently
36 granted to a student with demonstrated financial need. This
section is repealed July 1, 2004.

38 **§11620. Reduction of institutional or other grant aid**

40 A grant received by a student under this chapter may not be
42 applied to reduce institutional or other grant aid to that
student. This section takes effect July 1, 2004.'

44 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 11 the
following:
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48 'Sec. 12. **Sunset review.** Authorization for the provision in
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 11619 expires
July 1, 2004. In its annual report required by Title 10, section
50 974, the Finance Authority of Maine shall review findings related

2 to that provision of this Act that provides that grants awarded
4 may be applied to reduce institutional or other grant aid only if
6 that aid is subsequently awarded to a student with demonstrated
financial need and provide recommendations to the Governor and
the Legislature for fiscal year 2002-03 concerning the need for
extending or repealing authorization for this provision.

8 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

10 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
12 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

14 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
16 summary the following:

18 **FISCAL NOTE**

20 The additional costs associated with administering the Maine
22 State Grant Program can be absorbed by the Finance Authority of
Maine utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency
28 clause to the bill. The amendment also establishes a sunset
30 review for the provision of the bill that clarifies existing
32 statutory language that restricts the use of grant funds from
replacing institutional or other grant aid. The sunset provision
provides that this provision expires July 1, 2004 and further
34 requires the Finance Authority of Maine to provide
recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning
36 the need for extending or repealing authorization for this
provision in its annual report to the Legislature for fiscal year
38 2002-03.

40 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.