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STATE OF MAINE
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121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 108, L.D. 326, Bill, "An Act To Increase Access to Higher Education"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, foster care residents who intend to apply for a tuition waiver at a state postsecondary educational institution for the 2003-2004 academic year will need sufficient time to prepare their applications prior to the start of the upcoming academic year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12573, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 774, §4, is further amended to read:

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2 3. **Limitation.** Tuition waivers to eligible persons are
3 limited to 25 30 new students per year in each year, at state
4 postsecondary educational institutions as follows:

6 A. The first 25 tuition waivers must be available to
7 eligible persons at the University of Maine System, the
8 Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College
9 System; and

10 B. Of the 5 remaining tuition waivers, 3 must be available
11 to eligible persons at the University of Maine System and 2
12 must be available to eligible persons at the Maine Community
13 College System.

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

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment
21 increases the number of foster care residents who are eligible
22 for a tuition waiver at state postsecondary educational
23 institutions from 25 to 30 new students per year in each year,
24 whereas the bill increased the number to 35. The amendment also
25 clarifies that the 5 additional tuition waivers must be available
26 to eligible persons at state postsecondary educational
27 institutions as follows:

30 1. Three must be available to eligible persons at the
31 University of Maine System; and

32 2. Two must be available to eligible persons at the Maine
33 Community College System.

34 The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an
35 emergency clause to the bill.

38 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
39 **(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Approved: 04/04/03 *MAC*

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

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An Act to Increase Access to Higher Education



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *AS-71*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund