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H.P. 76

House of Representatives, January 12, 2009

An Act Pertaining to the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and

Representatives: BLODGETT of Augusta, BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, DRISCOLL of

Westbrook, GILBERT of Jay, LOVEJOY of Portland, STUCKEY of Portland,

SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senator: ALFOND of Cumberland.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4 5 6	Whereas, pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 401, Part OOO, section 5 and Public Law 1999, c. 783, section 1, the Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund was established, and the Finance Authority of Maine was authorized to adopt rules for determining amounts of scholarships, among other things; and
7 8 9	Whereas, the Finance Authority of Maine has adopted a rule that currently sets scholarship amounts at \$500 per eligible course for an annual maximum disbursement of \$2,000 per student; and
10 11 12	Whereas, Public Law 2007, chapter 683, Part B, section 3 directed the Finance Authority of Maine to amend its rule to increase the annual maximum scholarship disbursement from \$2,000 to \$3,000 without providing additional funding; and
13 14 15	Whereas, increasing the annual maximum disbursement will result in fewer students receiving scholarships and is not in the best interests of the scholarship program or Maine students; and
16 1.7 18 19	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,
20	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
21	Sec. 1. PL 2007, c. 683, Pt. B, §3 is repealed.
22 23	<b>Emergency clause.</b> In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
24	SUMMARY
25 26 27 28	This bill repeals Public Law 2007, chapter 683, Part B, section 3, which sought to increase the annual maximum disbursement amount of quality child care education scholarships as set forth in Chapter 613 of the rules of the Finance Authority of Maine without additional funding.