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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 752, L.D. 1090, Bill, "An Act To Allow Veterans and Active Duty Military Members To Qualify for In-state Tuition"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Provide a Waiver of the Tuition Remaining after the Application of Federal Department of Veterans Affairs Payments to Veterans Eligible for Benefits under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10010 is enacted to read:

§10010. Veterans

Regardless of the state of residence, a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States using the benefits under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 must receive a waiver from the tuition that remains after the application of all payments from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, including payments under the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program in the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This section applies to all veterans enrolled at any campus of the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System or Maine Maritime Academy in an undergraduate program of education.'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides the opportunity for the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy to receive the maximum possible funding from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs in support of the veterans who are eligible for benefits under the new Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Representative CORNELL DU HOUX)

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

TOWN: Brunswick

(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/27/09 *MAC*

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LD 1090

LR 894(03)

An Act To Allow Veterans and Active Duty Military Members To Qualify for In-state Tuition

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A"
Sponsor: Rep. Cornell du Houx of Brunswick
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduces current biennium revenue loss - Higher Educational Institutions
Reduces potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing veterans of the military, regardless of the state of residence, enrolled at any campus of the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System or Maine Maritime Academy, who are using benefits under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, to receive a waiver from the tuition that remains after all payments from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs have been made may reduce the amount of lost tuition revenue to the higher education institutions. The impact can not be determined at this time. This fiscal note assumes that the benefits received under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 for tuition are applied to the tuition costs first. The ability of the higher educational institutions to absorb any reduction in tuition revenue without increasing tuition rates or requiring additional General Fund appropriations can not be determined at this time.