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S.P. 131

In Senate, February 10, 2011

**An Act To Extend the Same Privileges to the Wesget Sipu - Fish
River Tribe as Are Extended to Other Maine Indian Tribes**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 429-B** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 429-B**

4 **TUITION WAIVER AT STATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL**
5 **INSTITUTIONS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS**

6 **§12581. Tuition waiver**

7 A postsecondary educational institution that establishes a practice or policy of
8 waiving tuition charges for Native Americans must include within that practice or policy
9 equivalent treatment of any person who is certified to be a member of the Wesget Sipu -
10 Fish River Tribe by the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation formed to represent
11 and promote the traditions of the Wesget Sipu - Fish River Tribe. For purposes of this
12 section, "postsecondary educational institution" means the University of Maine System,
13 the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill extends to members of the group known as the Wesget Sipu - Fish River
16 Tribe the privilege, held by federally recognized Indian tribes in this State, of eligibility
17 for any tuition waiver offered to Native Americans by the University of Maine System,
18 the Maine Maritime Academy or the Maine Community College System.