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H.P. 442

House of Representatives, February 21, 2013

An Act To Promote the Attainment of Higher Education Degrees

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representative: WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senator: CAIN of Penobscot.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to adjust the disbursement of financial aid packages to provide an
6 incentive for a student enrolled in a postsecondary institution to complete that student's
7 degree. Instead of providing the total amount of financial aid up front, leading to the
8 exhaustion of available aid prior to the completion of course work, this bill would spread
9 the financial aid out over the course of a student's enrollment. The intent of the bill is to
10 ensure that enough financial aid is available to allow a student who is within 15 credits of
11 completing the necessary requirements for graduation to pay for those credits.