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S.P. 220

In Senate, March 3, 2015

An Act To Make College More Affordable for Maine Residents

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and
Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BREEN of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock,
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MAKER of Calais,
PIERCE of Falmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 642, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Minimum amount.** It is the intent of the Legislature that grants awarded under
5 this chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 ~~and~~ 6 and 9, may not be less than
6 \$1,000. The authority may establish by rule increased grant amounts for students
7 attending their 2nd, 3rd and 4th years, or the equivalents thereof, at institutions of higher
8 education. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as
9 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

11 **9. Grants for students attending public institutions in the State.** Grants awarded
12 under this chapter for students attending the University of Maine System, the Maine
13 Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System may not be less than
14 \$2,500 for students attending their first year, \$3,500 for students attending their 2nd year,
15 \$4,500 for students attending their 3rd year and \$5,500 for students attending their 4th
16 year.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill changes the Maine State Grant Program by providing that grants awarded to
19 students attending the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy or the
20 Maine Community College System may not be less than \$2,500 for students attending
21 their first year, \$3,500 for students attending their 2nd year, \$4,500 for students attending
22 their 3rd year and \$5,500 for students attending their 4th year.