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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 792, L.D. 1129, Bill, "An Act Regarding College Affordability"

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

'Resolve, Regarding College Affordability in the Maine Community College System'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Program review and report on college affordability and accessibility. Resolved: That the Maine Community College System shall identify and review programs that make college affordable and accessible in other states, including, but not limited to, Tennessee, Indiana, Rhode Island and New York. The review must assess opportunities, burdens, costs, benefits and successes of programs including promise programs, last dollar scholarship programs and free college programs. The system shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2018; and be it further

Sec. 2. Last dollar scholarship program for Maine Community College System students enrolled in one-year occupational certificate programs. Resolved: That the Maine Community College System shall develop guidelines and eligibility requirements for and pilot a last dollar scholarship program in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to cover costs associated with tuition and fees for qualified students who enroll in a one-year occupational certificate program; and be it further

Sec. 3. Last dollar scholarship program for Maine Community College System students enrolled in the 2nd year of a 2-year program. Resolved: That the Maine Community College System shall develop guidelines and eligibility requirements for and pilot a last dollar scholarship program in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to cover costs associated with tuition and fees for qualified students who have successfully completed the first year of a 2-year program and are enrolled for the 2nd year; and be it further

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program and are enrolled for the 2nd year. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to implement the scholarship programs.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LD 1129

LR 1322(02)

An Act Regarding College Affordability

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A.(H-394)*
 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$450,000	\$2,550,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$450,000	\$2,550,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$450,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,550,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to a newly created Last Dollar Scholarship Program within the Maine Community College System. Of this amount, \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 is provided for scholarships to a total of 275 full-time qualified students in a one-year occupational certificate program. Additionally, \$200,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 is provided for scholarships to a total of 550 qualified students who have successfully completed the first year of a two-year program and are enrolled for the second year.