

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 183

H.P. 146

House of Representatives, January 17, 2019

An Act To Increase the Number of Teachers in Maine

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRENNAN of Portland, DAUGHTRY of
Brunswick, DUNPHY of Old Town, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, Senators: MILLETT of
Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12504, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 427, §5, is
3 further amended to read:

4 Loans of up to \$2,000 per academic year or \$8,000 total may be made to students
5 pursuing postbaccalaureate certification. Loans of up to ~~\$3,000~~ \$9,000 per academic year
6 or ~~\$12,000~~ \$36,000 total may be made to eligible undergraduate students. An individual
7 who has received an Educators for Maine loan as an undergraduate may also receive a
8 loan for students pursuing postbaccalaureate certification. In no event may an individual
9 receive more than ~~\$20,000~~ \$44,000 in total Educators for Maine loans. Loans are for one
10 academic year and are renewable if the recipient maintains a grade point average of at
11 least 2.5 based on a 4.0 grade point system or the equivalent and submits a complete
12 renewal application by the deadline annually.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 Currently, under the Educators for Maine Program, an eligible undergraduate may
15 receive a loan of up to \$3,000 per academic year or \$12,000 total. This bill increases
16 those loan amounts to \$9,000 per academic year and \$36,000 total. It also increases from
17 \$20,000 to \$44,000 the total loan amount under the program a student may receive in
18 undergraduate and postbaccalaureate loans.