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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1286, L.D. 1806, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Veterans' Services"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. 37-B MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2013, c. 569, §3, is further amended to read:

F. A child of a veteran who is attending state-supported postsecondary vocational schools or institutions of collegiate grade must be admitted free of tuition including mandatory fees and lab fees for ~~associate~~ certificate programs, associate degree programs and bachelor's degree programs. The tuition waiver provided under this paragraph may not exceed the cost of 120 undergraduate credit hours at the in-state tuition rate at the University of Maine campus located at Orono and may be reduced by an amount necessary to ensure that the value of this waiver, combined with all other grants and benefits received by the student, does not exceed the total cost of education. Room and board may not be waived. A child of a veteran has 6 10 academic years from the date of first entrance to complete 120 credit hours. For degree programs that require more than 120 credit hours, the state-supported postsecondary vocational school or institution of collegiate grade may grant a tuition waiver beyond 120 credit hours. If such a waiver is granted, the state-supported postsecondary vocational school or institution of collegiate grade shall notify the director. The director may waive the limit of 6 10 consecutive academic years when the recipient's education has been interrupted by severe medical disability, learning disability, illness or other hardship, making continued attendance impossible; ~~however, the extension may not exceed 2 academic years.~~ Students must maintain at least a 2.0 or "C" grade point average to continue receiving educational benefits. If a student's grade point average falls below 2.0 or a "C," then the student has one semester to bring the grade point average up to at least 2.0 or a "C." If after that semester the student's grade point average is below 2.0 or a "C," the student loses educational benefits under this paragraph until the student achieves a grade point average of at least 2.0 or a "C."

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SENATE AMENDMENT

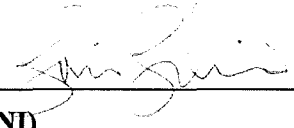
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SUMMARY

This amendment:

1. Removes the requirement in the bill that free tuition be provided to the child of a veteran for a master's degree program; and

2. Provides that the tuition waiver may not exceed the cost of 120 undergraduate credit hours at the in-state tuition rate at the University of Maine campus located at Orono.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator LUCHINI)

COUNTY: Hancock

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 06/12/19 *MCC*

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1806

LR 2410(05)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Veterans' Services

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Original Bill (S-279)

Sponsor: Sen. Luchini of Hancock

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduces loss of tuition revenue - Higher educational institutions

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment removes master's degree programs from the types of programs that a child of a veteran attending state-supported postsecondary institutions may receive a tuition waiver for under the bill. Eliminating this provision from the bill will reduce the amount of tuition that may be lost to the state-supported higher educational institutions. As amended, the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System will be able to accommodate the reduced level of revenue loss without requiring additional resources.