

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Improve Student Access to Postsecondary School Transcripts and Diplomas**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 20, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.  
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and  
Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CURRY of Waldo, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland,  
HICKMAN of Kennebec, RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representative:  
TEPLER of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §6-104, sub-§1, ¶I**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 427, Pt. A, §12,  
3 is further amended to read:

4 I. Convene meetings of individuals representing various segments of the public and  
5 the consumer credit industry to advise and consult with the administrator concerning  
6 the exercise of powers under this Act and to make recommendations to the  
7 administrator. The administrator may authorize reimbursement of reasonable expenses  
8 incurred in attending the meetings; ~~and~~

9 **Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA §6-104, sub-§1, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 427, Pt. A, §13,  
10 is amended to read:

11 J. To the extent permitted in Title X of the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform  
12 and Consumer Protection Act, Public Law 111-203, Section 1042, enforce the  
13 provisions of Title X of the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer  
14 Protection Act, Public Law 111-203 or regulations issued under those provisions with  
15 respect to entities that are state-chartered, incorporated, licensed or otherwise  
16 authorized to do business under the laws of this State and secure remedies under  
17 provisions of Title X of the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer  
18 Protection Act, Public Law 111-203 or remedies otherwise provided under other  
19 provisions of law with respect to entities that are state-chartered, incorporated, licensed  
20 or otherwise authorized to do business under the laws of this State; and

21 **Sec. 3. 9-A MRSA §6-104, sub-§1, ¶K** is enacted to read:

22 K. Enforce the provisions of Title 20-A, section 10015.

23 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §10015** is enacted to read:

24 **§10015. Access to transcripts and diplomas**

25 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
26 following terms have the following meanings.

27 A. "Debt" means any money, obligation, claim or sum due or owing or alleged to be  
28 due or owing from a student. "Debt" does not include the fee, if any, charged to all  
29 students for the costs of providing a transcript or diploma.

30 B. "Postsecondary educational institution" means a public or private postsecondary  
31 school in the State.

32 **2. Prohibition.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a postsecondary  
33 educational institution may not:

34 A. Refuse to provide a transcript or diploma for a current or former student on the  
35 grounds that the student owes a debt to the postsecondary institution;

36 B. Condition the provision of a transcript or diploma on the payment of a debt to the  
37 postsecondary institution;

38 C. Charge a higher fee for obtaining a transcript or diploma or provide less favorable  
39 treatment of a request for a transcript or diploma because a current or former student  
40 owes a debt to the postsecondary institution; or

