

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 3, 2024

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### **An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics Using the School Funding Formula Criteria**

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. FF,  
3 §1, is further amended to read:

4 A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of  
5 attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and  
6 other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose  
7 in accordance with paragraph D. To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph,  
8 a student must have resided in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian for at  
9 least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

11 D. The commissioner shall annually determine the total cost for providing essential  
12 programs and services for the school for students from this State in the same manner  
13 that total costs for providing essential programs and services for school administrative  
14 units are determined under chapter 606-B. Each fiscal year, the commissioner shall  
15 include that amount in the commissioner's funding levels recommendation submitted  
16 to the Governor and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau  
17 of the Budget pursuant to section 15689-C and the Governor shall include that funding  
18 level in the Governor's annual recommendation for funding levels pursuant to section  
19 15689-D.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to annually determine the total cost  
22 for providing essential programs and services for the Maine School of Science and  
23 Mathematics for students from this State in the same manner that total costs for providing  
24 essential programs and services for school administrative units are determined under the  
25 essential programs and services school funding formula. For each fiscal year, the  
26 commissioner must include that amount in the commissioner's funding levels  
27 recommendation submitted to the Governor and the Department of Administrative and  
28 Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget and the Governor must include that funding level  
29 in the Governor's annual recommendation for funding levels.