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No. 551

H. P. 1097

House of Representatives, February 17, 1943.

On motion of Mr. Southard of Bangor, tabled pending reference, and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Southard of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide for Education of Orphans of Veterans.

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

Sec. 1. "Orphan of veteran", defined. For the purposes of administering this act, an orphan of a veteran shall be defined as a child not under 16 and not over 22 years of age whose father served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War I or World War II and was killed in action or died from a service connected disability as a result of such service. War orphans whose fathers entered the service from Maine or who have resided in the state for 5 years immediately preceding application for aid under this act and which children have graduated from high school and are attending a vocational school, or an educational institution of collegiate grade, shall be eligible for benefits provided under this act.

Sec. 2. Purposes of appropriation; how distributed. Any sum or sums appropriated under the provisions of this act shall be used for the purpose of providing for tuition, matriculation fees, board, room rent, books and supplies, provided, however, that the maximum amount payable in any 1 year for any person eligible under the provisions of this act, shall not exceed \$150. The state department of education shall determine the eligi-

bility of the children who make application for the benefits provided under this act and shall determine the amount to be awarded to each eligible applicant, not in excess of the maximum amount specified in this section, giving due consideration in each case to the necessary expenses for attending school and the resources available to the applicant for meeting these expenses. The department shall provide such forms and make such rules and regulations as it considers necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. Free tuition. All children qualifying as war orphans under the provisions of this act shall be admitted to state supported institutions of collegiate grade free of tuition.

Sec. 4. Appropriations. The sum of \$1,200 is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944 and the same amount for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945. Future appropriations for the administering of this act shall be determined from the recommendation of the commissioner of education who shall furnish estimates of the costs of carrying out the provisions of the act in the same manner as other appropriations accruing to the department of education are handled.