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## CHAPTER 635

### AN ACT Establishing a State Tuition Equalization Fund for Maine Students Attending Private Institutions of Higher Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, c. 306, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 306, to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 306

#### TUITION EQUALIZATION FUND

##### § 2311. Tuition equalization fund

A fund is hereby appropriated to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to establish a State Tuition Equalization Fund to be distributed to Maine high school graduates who are attending as full-time undergraduates, eligible Maine private institutions of higher education, under regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. Students eligible for grants are those who demonstrate substantial need and whose family income, measured by taxable income for federal income tax purposes, is less than \$13,000. Individual grants shall not exceed \$750 per school year.

##### § 2312. Restrictions

The Tuition Equalization Program shall be restricted in the first school year following enactment of this legislation to those in the first 2 years of a program; to students in the first 3 years during the 2nd year following enactment of this legislation; and all eligible students in subsequent years.

##### § 2313. Selection

The selection of grant recipients shall be made with the cooperation of the Higher Education Council.

##### § 2314. Definition

An eligible private institution of higher education is an institution meeting the requirements as set forth in the Higher Education Act of 1965, section 1201, as amended, (29 USC 1141) and the Higher Education Act of 1965, section 491, as amended, (20 USC 1088) and such regulations and guidelines promulgated by the United States Commissioner of Education pursuant to those provisions of federal law and published in the Federal Register.

Sec. 2. Availability of appropriation. Sums appropriated pursuant to section 3 and sums appropriated by chapter 181 of the private and special laws of 1971 shall remain available for payment to institutions for the award of student grants until the end of the fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year for which sums were appropriated.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** In order to provide for necessary expenditures to carry out this program, there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 and the sum of \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES		
Personal Services	(2) \$ 15,419	(2) \$ 16,339
All Other	184,581	283,661
	\$200,000	\$300,000

**Sec. 4. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 and \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for an average subsidy for Viet Nam Era veteran students.

A Viet Nam Era veteran for the purposes of this subsidy shall be construed to mean any person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty during the Viet Nam Era and who has been discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions. A veteran of the Viet Nam Era shall have served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred after August 4, 1964, except if he was discharged for a service-connected disability after such date.

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