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force's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task force exceeding its approved budget.

Sec. 3. Legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may report out a bill related to the solid waste industry to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

\$4,500

LEGISLATURE

Task Force to Study Market Power Issues Related to the Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Industry

All Other

Provides funds for the Task Force to Study Market Power Issues Related to the Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Industry and for the costs to retain experts or consultants.

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CHAPTER 774

H.P. 1909 - L.D. 2657

An Act to Clarify the Tuition Waiver Program for Persons Who Resided in Foster Care as Children

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12571, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 216, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12572, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 216, §1, is amended to read:

2. Limitation. The tuition waiver provided by this chapter is limited to:

A. Persons participating in undergraduate degree programs or certificate programs of at least one year;

B. Persons who have not been enrolled full time for more than 5 years or the equivalent; and

C. Persons who have completed an application for federal student financial aid programs for which they may be eligible; and.

D. Eligible persons with unmet needs remaining, after all financial resources are considered, toward the total cost of attendance pursuant to section 11613.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12572, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Revenue reduction. A state postsecondary educational institution shall absorb the reduction in tuition revenues that results from providing a tuition waiver to an eligible person under this chapter. The institution may not request additional General Fund appropriations from the Legislature to offset the reduction in tuition revenues.

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §12573, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 216, §1, is amended to read:

3. Limitation. Tuition waivers to eligible persons are limited to 25 <u>new</u> students per year <u>in each</u> year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 775

H.P. 1946 - L.D. 2690

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Review the Educational Program and the Governance System of the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7401, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 676, §5 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

§7401. School established

The Governor Baxter School for the Deaf is established as a public school pursuant to this chapter for the purpose of educating deaf <u>and hard-of-hearing</u> students. <u>The school is a body politic and corporate</u> and is an instrumentality and agency of the State. The <u>exercise by the school of the powers conferred by this</u> <u>chapter is the performance of an essential public</u> <u>function by and on behalf of the State.</u>