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**Penmor Lithographers**  
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value of not less than \$1,000,000 that makes a commitment to spend on need-based scholarships an amount equal to 100% of the contributions that are eligible for the tax credit received during the preceding calendar year and to spend no more than 2% of the value of the endowment or endowments of the organization on administrative expenses related to the distribution of scholarships, exclusive of investment management fees and awarded grants.

**Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1100-Y, sub-§2, ¶C** is enacted to read:

C. A qualified scholarship organization must demonstrate that it encourages scholarship recipients to stay in this State or to return to this State upon completion of education. The organization may meet this requirement by demonstrating that it requires scholarship recipients to sign a statement of intent to reside in this State upon graduation from institutions of higher education or by providing organized community service opportunities, fellowships, job assistance, professional development or other activities designed to connect Maine students with businesses and communities in this State.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 474

H.P. 77 - L.D. 69

### An Act To Clarify the Intent of School Budget Referendum Language

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15614, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is amended to read:

A. An article in substantially the following form ~~shall~~ must be used when a school administrative unit is considering the appropriation of the foundation allocation.

(1) "Article : To see what sum the municipality/district will appropriate from the foundation allocation for school purposes (Recommend \$ ) and to see what sum the municipality/district will raise as the local share of the foundation allocation (Recommend \$ ).  
Explanation: The local share of the foundation allocation is the amount of

money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality/district must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15614, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is amended to read:

A. An article in substantially the following form ~~shall~~ must be used when a school administrative unit is considering the appropriation for debt service allocation.

(1) "Article : To see what sum the municipality/district will raise as the local share of debt service (Recommend \$ ).  
Explanation: Debt service is the amount of money needed to repay the municipality/district's long-term debt for construction. In this municipality/district, the total debt owed is (\$ ). The local share of that debt is (\$ ) and the state-reimbursed share of that debt is (\$ )."

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15614, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 710, §12, is further amended to read:

**3. Additional local appropriation.** A school administrative unit may raise and expend funds for educational purposes in addition to the funds under subsections 1 and 2. An article in substantially the following form must be used when a school administrative unit is considering the appropriation of additional local funds:

"Article : To see what sum the municipality/district will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$ ) in additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15614.  
Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the total of local amounts raised that are described in the foundation and debt service budget articles that will help achieve the municipality/district's budget for educational programs."

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 475

S.P. 317 - L.D. 976

### An Act To Ensure Effective Prosecution of Certain Repeat Offenders