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STATE OF MAINE

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Augusta, Maine
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$2,500,000)
SECTION TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$1,951,826)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$500,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$1,451,826)

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**CHAPTER 466
S.P. 84 - L.D. 215**

An Act To Improve Student Retention in Maine's Postsecondary Institutions

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6902-A is enacted to read:

§6902-A. Postsecondary services

The corporation shall provide services, in accordance with this section and for the purpose of significantly increasing the percentage of eligible students who obtain a postsecondary degree, to postsecondary institutions in the State to assist students in completing a postsecondary course of study.

1. "Eligible student" defined. As used in this section, "eligible student" means a student who:

- A. Has previously been enrolled in a high school program administered by the corporation;
- B. Has been in or currently is in foster care; or
- C. Has earned a high school equivalency diploma through an alternative program within the previous 5 years.

2. Student services. The corporation shall:

- A. Provide academic and social mentoring and counseling to eligible students, including monitoring of academic performance and connection to campus life;
- B. Assist each eligible student in developing an individualized academic plan for completing a

course of study and consider each eligible student's individual academic needs and provide connections to sources of academic support, if necessary;

C. Develop a system of peer mentoring between eligible students and other college students and between eligible students and college graduates; and

D. Provide eligible students with financial guidance relating to postsecondary expenses, including assisting eligible students in obtaining all available sources of financial aid.

Sec. 2. Report. Jobs for Maine's Graduates shall determine methods for implementing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6902-A and report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by December 31, 2016. The committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 467
H.P. 734 - L.D. 1065**

An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Temporary Powers of Attorney over Minors and To Require Organizations To Screen Agents before Providing Care

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRS §5-104, sub-§(a), as amended by PL 2011, c. 43, §1, is further amended to read:

(a). A parent or guardian of a minor or incapacitated person, by a properly executed power of attorney, may delegate to another person, for a period not exceeding 12 months, any of that parent's or guardian's powers regarding care, custody or property of the minor child or ward, except the power to consent to marriage or adoption of a minor ward or termination of parental rights to the minor. A delegation by a court-appointed guardian becomes effective only when the power of attorney is filed with the court. A delegation of powers under this section does not deprive the parent or guardian of any parental or legal authority regarding the care and custody of the minor or incapacitated person.

Sec. 2. 18-A MRS §5-104, sub-§(c) is enacted to read:

(c). This subsection applies when a parent or guardian executes a power of attorney under subsec-