

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 29, 2023**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$660,000	\$660,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$660,000	\$660,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 23  
S.P. 24 - L.D. 32**

**An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 70, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Student aid index.** "Student aid index" means a calculation that reflects an evaluation of a student's approximate financial resources to contribute toward the student's postsecondary education for an academic year.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §11613, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 103, §1, is further amended to read:

The authority shall establish the need of a student for a Maine State Grant for an academic year for which the student applies. ~~A student is considered to have a need to qualify for a grant if the total of the cost of attendance of the student, minus the expected family contribution for the student, minus estimated student financial assistance not received under this program, is greater than zero. The total of the expected family contribution, together with any other student financial assistance received by the student, In doing so, the authority shall consider the cost of attendance of the student, the student aid index and estimated student financial assistance not received under this program. The total cost determined by these factors may not exceed the cost of attendance at the institution the student attends.~~

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §11613, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 559, §10, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 70, §8, is further amended to read:

**1. Priority for awards of grants.** Students with the lowest ~~expected family contributions~~ student aid index must be given priority over all other eligible students for the awards of grants.

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**CHAPTER 24  
S.P. 72 - L.D. 133**

**An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §96, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 50, §12, is amended to read:

**2. Members.** The Archives Advisory Board consists of ~~9~~ 10 voting members with expertise in the administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value of records. Voting members of the board must represent the spectrum of records in the State and are appointed by the Secretary of State as follows:

A. Two public members representing the interests of public access to government records, recommended by a public interest group;

B. Two members from municipal or county government with expertise in local government records, recommended by local or county government entities;

C. One member with expertise in archival records representing a state or local historical society, recommended by a state or local historical society;

D. One member with expertise in the legal requirements of records retention and public records law, recommended by the Attorney General;

E. One member with expertise in the State's fiscal requirements of records retention, recommended by the Governor;

F. One member from the executive branch with expertise in executive branch records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~

G. One member from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology with expertise in electronic records, electronic records management systems and emerging technology related to electronic records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~

H. One member with expertise in journalism representing newspaper and other press interests, recommended by a statewide professional news organization.