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House of Representatives, April 11, 2023

An Act to Provide Financial Relief for Certain Volunteers Under the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Maine Service Fellows and the Maine Climate Corps

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CARLOW of Buxton, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, PERRY of Bangor, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§19-C. Applications for state employment; volunteer service**

4 An application for employment by the State must include a check box to be checked if
5 the applicant completed a term of service through:

6 **1. Corporation for National and Community Service.** An approved national service
7 position under the Corporation for National and Community Service based in the State
8 authorized under 42 United States Code, Section 12651;

9 **2. Maine Service Fellows.** The Maine Service Fellows Program under section 7506;
10 or

11 **3. Maine Climate Corps.** The Maine Climate Corps Program under section 7507.

12 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶AAA** is enacted to read:

13 **AAA.** For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, an amount equal to:

14 (1) A national service educational award received from the National Service Trust
15 under 42 United States Code, Sections 12601 to 12604 or an approved national
16 service position; or

17 (2) An educational loan payment earned through a term of service completed
18 through the Maine Service Fellows Program under section 7506.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires an application for employment by the State to include a check box to
21 be checked if the applicant served in an approved national service position under the
22 Corporation for National and Community Service based in the State, otherwise known as
23 AmeriCorps, the Maine Service Fellows Program or the Maine Climate Corps Program and
24 subtracts from federal adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes an amount equal
25 to a national service educational award received from the National Service Trust or an
26 approved national service position or an educational loan payment earned through service
27 with the Maine Service Fellows Program.