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An Act To Reinstate and Increase the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Education Savings Plans

Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶UU is enacted to read:

UU. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, the portion of contributions to a qualified tuition program established under Section 529 of the Code up to $1,000 per designated beneficiary. This deduction may not be claimed when federal adjusted gross income exceeds $100,000 for a single individual and married persons filing separate returns or $200,000 for individuals filing married joint returns and heads of household.

SUMMARY

This bill reinstates and increases the income tax deduction for contributions to so-called Section 529 education savings plans, providing a deduction up to $1,000 per designated beneficiary. A deduction up to $250 was in effect from 2007 to 2015.