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**An Act to Change the Residency Requirements for State Funding
for Student Tuition at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics**

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives:
BABIN of Fort Fairfield, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. FF,
3 §1, is further amended to read:

4 A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of
5 attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and
6 other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose.
7 To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, ~~a student must have resided in~~
8 ~~Maine with a~~ the parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately
9 ~~preceding application to the school~~ of the student seeking state funding must be a
10 resident of the State at the start of the school year for which tuition is to be paid.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill changes the residency requirement for a student to receive free tuition at the
13 Maine School of Science and Mathematics from the student being required to have resided
14 in the State with a parent, other relative or guardian for a period of at least 6 months to the
15 student's parent or guardian being required to be a resident of the State at the start of the
16 school year for which tuition is to be paid.