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**An Act to Prohibit the Consideration of Legacy Preferences or
Donor Preferences in Postsecondary Educational Institution
Admissions**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DUSON of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York,
TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: GOLEK of Harpswell, RANA of Bangor,
SATO of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10018** is enacted to read:

3 **§10018. Legacy and donor preference prohibited**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Donor preference" means a preference given to an applicant to an educational
7 institution based on the applicant's familial relationship to a person who provides or
8 provided financial support to the institution.

9 B. "Educational institution" or "institution" means any postsecondary educational
10 institution incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State.

11 C. "Legacy preference" means a preference given to an applicant to an educational
12 institution based on the applicant's familial relationship to a graduate of the institution.

13 **2. Prohibition.** An educational institution may not consider a legacy preference or
14 donor preference when determining admission to the institution.

15 **3. Data collection.** This section may not be construed to prohibit an educational
16 institution from asking an applicant to provide information about familial relationships to
17 graduates of the institution for the purpose of data collection.

18 **4. Applicant's life experience.** This section may not be construed to prohibit an
19 educational institution from considering in the admissions process an applicant's discussion
20 of how a familial relationship to a donor or graduate affected the applicant's life.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prohibits postsecondary educational institutions in the State from considering
23 legacy preferences or donor preferences in the admissions process.