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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 377,  
L.D. 609, “An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain  
Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government”

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part TT the following:

**'PART UU**

**Sec. UU-1. PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. QQQ, §3** is amended to read:

**Sec. QQQ-3. Eligibility and conditions for 2-year free community college  
tuition program.**

**1. Eligibility.** For purposes of this Part, an eligible student is:

A. A high school graduate in the class of 2020 or 2021 or a person who obtains the  
equivalent of a high school diploma in 2020 or 2021, who enrolls in a Maine  
community college no later than during the 2023-2024 academic year;

B. A high school graduate in the class of 2022 or a person who obtains the equivalent  
of a high school diploma in 2022, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later  
than the 2024-2025 academic year;

C. A high school graduate in the class of 2023 or a person who obtains the equivalent  
of a high school diploma in 2023, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later  
than the 2025-2026 academic year;

D. A high school graduate in the class of 2024 or a person who obtains the equivalent  
of a high school diploma in 2024, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later  
than the 2026-2027 academic year; or

E. A high school graduate in the class of 2025 or a person who obtains the equivalent  
of a high school diploma in 2025, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later  
than the 2027-2028 academic year.

**2. Conditions.** In order to receive 2 years of free community college, an eligible  
student must:

A. Pursue an associate degree or academic credential;

1 B. Reside in the State at the time of enrollment in a community college and for the  
2 duration of that enrollment;

3 C. Accept all federal and state grants, scholarships and other sources of funding that  
4 are available and for which the student has applied and qualified; ~~and~~

5 D. Complete the program of study within 200% of the stated completion time-; and

6 E. Be a graduate of a high school in this State.'

7 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
8 section number to read consecutively.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment requires a person to be a graduate of a high school in this State in  
11 order to be eligible for free tuition in the Maine Community College System.

12 **SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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