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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1177, L.D. 1759, “An Act to Allow Firefighters to Be Eligible for State College Funding”

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "Sec. J-1" in the 5th line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$6,500,000" and inserting the following: '\$7,100,000'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE
MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years Z335**

Initiative: Reduces one-time funding provided in Public Law 2025, chapter 2 for the State's 7 community colleges to continue offering student scholarships through the State's free community college tuition program for eligible persons who graduate high school or obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2024 or 2025.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$200,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$200,000)	\$0

Regional Fire Service Training Fund Z356

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to the Maine Fire Service Institute.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$200,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

	2025-26	2026-27
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$200,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$200,000)	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, reduces one-time funding by \$200,000, instead of \$800,000 as in the bill, to the 7 community colleges to continue offering student scholarships through the State's free community college tuition program for eligible persons who graduate high school or obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2024 or 2025 in fiscal year 2025-26. The amendment appropriates \$200,000 on a one-time basis to the Maine Fire Service Institute.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)