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An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 642, §3, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Minimum amount.** It is the intent of the Legislature that grants awarded under this
5 chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6, may not be less than \$1,000, except
6 that grants awarded under this chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6, may
7 not be less than \$2,500 if sufficient funds are appropriated for this purpose. The authority
8 may establish by rule increased grant amounts for students attending their 2nd, 3rd and 4th
9 years, or the equivalents thereof, at institutions of higher education. Rules adopted pursuant
10 to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
11 2-A.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

15 **Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653**

16 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine State Grant Program to increase the
17 minimum grant award from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

18 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
19 All Other	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill amends the law to specify that the minimum grant amount under the Maine
24 State Grant Program within the Finance Authority of Maine may not be less than \$2,500 if
25 sufficient funds are appropriated for that purpose.

26 The bill provides ongoing funds of \$10,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2021-
27 22 to the Maine State Grant Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to increase the
28 minimum grant award from \$1,000 to \$2,500.