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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15 and inserting the following:

Sec. 15. 20-A MRSA §12716, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 443, §52, is further amended to read:

1. Scholarships and campus employment. The board of trustees shall develop and administer ~~a program~~programs of scholarships and campus employment for college students. ~~Awards shall~~Scholarships must be based on evidence of individual need and worth.

Students selected to receive a scholarship ~~shall~~or campus employment must fulfill the following qualifications:

A. Show evidence of the qualifications necessary to complete a course of study successfully and to become a competent ~~technical or craft~~ worker in an industrial, administrative, technical or trade pursuit;

B. Show demonstrated ability and willingness to support the expenses of education and training; and

C. ~~Show~~For scholarship recipients, show demonstrated need of financial assistance to help pay the cost of college attendance or, in the case of on-campus employment programs, demonstrate the ability to benefit from the increased engagement that such programs provide.

Sec. 16. 20-A MRSA §12722, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Hardship distributions. The board of trustees may make hardship distributions from any of the accumulated assets in a defined contribution retirement plan account or accounts in accordance with federal regulations.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that scholarships, not awards, granted by the board of trustees of the Maine Community College System must be based on evidence of individual need and worth. It also clarifies qualifications students must meet in order to be selected for a scholarship or campus employment. It also provides that the board of trustees of the Maine Community College System may make hardship distributions from any of the accumulated assets in a defined contribution retirement plan account in accordance with federal regulations.