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An Act To Improve Access for Maine Students to Postsecondary Education

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

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Presented by Representative LIBBY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, COTTA of China,
DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MALABY of Hancock, POULIOT
of Augusta, VOLK of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 429-B** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 429-B**

4 **FULL TUITION WAIVER AT STATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL**
5 **INSTITUTIONS FOR TOP STUDENTS**

6 **§12581. Definitions**

7 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
8 have the following meanings.

9 **1. Authority.** "Authority" means the Finance Authority of Maine.

10 **2. Eligible student.** "Eligible student" means a high-achieving student who is
11 eligible for a tuition waiver under this chapter.

12 **3. High-achieving student.** "High-achieving student" means a student who
13 graduates from a secondary school in this State with an overall grade point average that
14 ranks that student in the top 10% of the student's graduating class.

15 **4. Maine resident.** "Maine resident" means a person who meets residency
16 requirements for in-state tuition at the postsecondary institution from which the
17 individual is seeking a tuition waiver under this chapter.

18 **5. Postsecondary educational institution.** "Postsecondary educational institution"
19 means any of the universities of the University of Maine System listed in section
20 10901-A and any community college established in section 12714.

21 **§12582. Tuition waiver**

22 A high-achieving student who demonstrates financial need and meets the
23 requirements of this section may attend, in accordance with this section, any
24 postsecondary educational institution free of tuition charges.

25 **1. Eligibility.** A high-achieving student is eligible for a tuition waiver under this
26 chapter if the student:

27 **A. Is a Maine resident;**

28 **B. Meets financial need qualifications established by the authority by rule;**

29 **C. Is accepted for admission to a postsecondary educational institution;**

30 **D. Is less than 21 years of age at the time of enrollment at the postsecondary**
31 **educational institution; and**

32 **E. Remains in good academic standing at the postsecondary educational institution.**

