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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 664, L.D. 1028, “An Act to Expand the Higher Education Tuition Waiver for Persons Who Have Resided in Foster Care”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.
Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §12574 is enacted to read:

§12574. Department of Health and Human Services notification

The authority shall notify the Department of Health and Human Services of the name of each person determined to be eligible under section 12573, subsection 2. After receipt of notice of eligibility, the Department of Health and Human Services shall advise an eligible person who is 18 years of age or older and under 23 years of age of the opportunity to enter into a voluntary extended care agreement under Title 22, section 4037-A.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Foster Care Tuition Waiver N446

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for tuition waivers for an additional 20 eligible persons per year at the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$119,639	\$239,278
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$119,639</u>	<u>\$239,278</u>

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment removes the eligibility requirement of a person to enter into a voluntary extended care agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services for a tuition waver. The amendment requires, after receipt of notification of eligibility by the Finance Authority of Maine, the Department of Health and Human Services to advise each eligible person who is 18 years of age or older and under 23 years of age of the opportunity to enter into such an agreement. This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)