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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 792, L.D. 1129, Bill, “An Act Regarding College Affordability”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Regarding College Affordability in the Maine Community College System'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Program review and report on college affordability and accessibility. Resolved:** That the Maine Community College System shall identify and review programs that make college affordable and accessible in other states, including, but not limited to, Tennessee, Indiana, Rhode Island and New York. The review must assess opportunities, burdens, costs, benefits and successes of programs including promise programs, last dollar scholarship programs and free college programs. The system shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2018; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Last dollar scholarship program for Maine Community College System students enrolled in one-year occupational certificate programs. Resolved:** That the Maine Community College System shall develop guidelines and eligibility requirements for and pilot a last dollar scholarship program in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to cover costs associated with tuition and fees for qualified students who enroll in a one-year occupational certificate program; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Last dollar scholarship program for Maine Community College System students enrolled in the 2nd year of a 2-year program. Resolved:** That the Maine Community College System shall develop guidelines and eligibility requirements for and pilot a last dollar scholarship program in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to cover costs associated with tuition and fees for qualified students who have successfully completed the first year of a 2-year program and are enrolled for the 2nd year; and be it further

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



1 program and are enrolled for the 2nd year. The amendment adds an appropriations and  
2 allocations section to implement the scholarship programs.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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