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**STATE OF MAINE
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128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 11, L.D. 32, Bill, “An Act To Increase the Size of Grants under the Maine State Grant Program”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$2,000" and inserting the following: '\$1,500'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to increase grant awards under the Maine State Grant Program to a minimum of \$1,500 per student.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and changes the minimum grant amount under the Maine State Grant Program from \$2,000 as proposed in the bill to \$1,500. It also adds a \$2,500,000 appropriation for fiscal year 2017-18 and fiscal year 2018-19 to fund the increase in the minimum grant amount. This amendment provides that the appropriations are ongoing.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT