1	L.D. 1129		
2	Date: (Filing No. H-)		
3	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
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5	STATE OF MAINE		
6	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
7	128TH LEGISLATURE		
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION		
9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 792, L.D. 1129, Bill, "An Act Regarding College Affordability"		
11	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:		
12	'Resolve, Regarding College Affordability in the Maine Community College System'		
13	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:		
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	'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		
22 23 24 25 26 27	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		
28 29 30 31 32 33 34	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		

1	Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:	That the following
2	appropriations and allocations are made.	

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

4 Last Dollar Scholarship Program N259

GENERAL FUND

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Initiative: Provides one-time funds to provide scholarships to a total of 275 full-time qualified students in a one-year occupational certificate program.

7 8	GENERAL FUND All Other	2017-18 \$250,000	2018-19 \$750,000
9 10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$750,000
11	Last Dollar Scholarship Program N259		
12 13 14	Initiative: Provides one-time funds to provide scholarsh students who have successfully completed the first year enrolled for the 2nd year.		

16	All Other	\$200,000	\$1,800,000
17 18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$1,800,000
19	COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF		
20	TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE		
21	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
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2017-18

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22 GENERAL FUND \$450,000 \$2,550,000 24 25 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$450,000 \$2,550,000

27 SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and changes the title and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve. The amendment requires the Maine Community College System to identify and review programs that make college affordable and accessible in other states and to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by February 1, 2018. It provides funding for 2 new scholarship programs within the Maine Community College System in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19. It provides \$1,000,000 for a last dollar scholarship program to cover tuition and fees for selected students enrolled in a one-year occupational certificate program and \$2,000,000 for a last dollar scholarship program to cover tuition and fees for selected students who have successfully completed the first year of a 2-year

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1 2	program and are enrolled for the 2nd year. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to implement the scholarship programs.
3	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
4	(See attached)