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An Act To Provide Equitable Access to Postsecondary Courses

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

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator RECTOR of Knox and
Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: BEAULIEU of
Auburn, CRAFTS of Lisbon, MALONEY of Augusta, WILLETTE of Mapleton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4772-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§4772-B. Alternative enrollment in postsecondary courses**

4 **1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates,
5 "student" means a student enrolled in a private school approved for tuition purposes or a
6 private school or a student who participates in an equivalent instruction program under
7 chapter 211.

8 **2. Requirements.** A student may be eligible to receive a state subsidy for
9 postsecondary courses, as specified in section 4775, if:

10 A. The eligible institution has space available for the student;

11 B. Unless granted a waiver by the eligible institution, the student is maintaining a
12 minimum secondary school grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, or the
13 equivalent of a "B" average, as determined by the school or as documented by an
14 assessment of the student's academic progress in accordance with the provisions of
15 section 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (4);

16 C. The eligible institution has determined that the student has satisfactorily
17 completed all course prerequisites;

18 D. The school or the local advisory board for the student, as provided in section
19 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (4), division (b), approves;

20 E. The student's parent approves; and

21 F. The student has received a recommendation to take a postsecondary course or
22 courses at an eligible institution from the student's school administration or one of the
23 student's secondary school teachers following an assessment of the student by the
24 school administration or from the local advisory board for the student, as provided in
25 section 5001-A, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (4), division (b).

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill authorizes students who are home-schooled and students at certain private
28 schools to attend postsecondary courses under the same conditions as those set for
29 students who attend public secondary schools and allows the postsecondary educational
30 institutions to receive the state subsidy for those students.