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8 9	SENATE AMENDMENT " "to H.P. 1286, L.D. 1806, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Veterans' Services"
10	Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:
11	'Sec. 5. 37-B MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2013, c. 569, §3, is
12	further amended to read:
13	F. A child of a veteran who is attending state-supported postsecondary vocational
14 15	schools or institutions of collegiate grade must be admitted free of tuition including mandatory fees and lab fees for associate certificate programs, associate degree
16	programs and bachelor's degree programs. The tuition waiver provided under this
17	paragraph may not exceed the cost of 120 undergraduate credit hours at the in-state
18	tuition rate at the University of Maine campus located at Orono and may be reduced
19	by an amount necessary to ensure that the value of this waiver, combined with all
20	other grants and benefits received by the student, does not exceed the total cost of
21 22	education. Room and board may not be waived. A child of a veteran has 6 10 academic years from the date of first entrance to complete 120 credit hours. For
23	degree programs that require more than 120 credit hours, the state-supported
24	postsecondary vocational school or institution of collegiate grade may grant a tuition
25	waiver beyond 120 credit hours. If such a waiver is granted, the state-supported
26	postsecondary vocational school or institution of collegiate grade shall notify the
27	director. The director may waive the limit of $6 \underline{10}$ consecutive academic years when
28	the recipient's education has been interrupted by severe medical disability, learning
29	disability, illness or other hardship, making continued attendance impossible,
30	however, the extension may not exceed 2 academic years. Students must maintain at
31	least a 2.0 or "C" grade point average to continue receiving educational benefits. If a
32	student's grade point average falls below 2.0 or a "C," then the student has one
33	semester to bring the grade point average up to at least 2.0 or a "C." If after that
34	semester the student's grade point average is below 2.0 or a "C," the student loses
35	educational benefits under this paragraph until the student achieves a grade point
36	average of at least 2.0 or a "C." '
37	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
38	section number to read consecutively.

1	SUMMARY
2	This amendment:
3 4	1. Removes the requirement in the bill that free tuition be provided to the child of a veteran for a master's degree program; and
5 6 7	2. Provides that the tuition waiver may not exceed the cost of 120 undergraduate credit hours at the in-state tuition rate at the University of Maine campus located at Orono.
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