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In Senate, March 13, 2023

**An Act to Improve Ferry Service Reliability by Providing
Scholarships at the Maine Maritime Academy**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville and
Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, GROHOSKI of Hancock, Representatives: MATLACK
of St. George, RUSSELL of Verona Island.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Scholarship program.** The Maine Maritime Academy shall create the
3 Workforce Development Scholarship Program to provide scholarships in an amount not to
4 exceed \$1,250 for each student for a minimum of 115 students at the academy to assist
5 those students in earning the initial credits necessary to work at the Maine State Ferry
6 Service.

7 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
8 allocations are made.

9 **MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

10 **Maritime Academy - Operations 0035**

11 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for a workforce development scholarship program that
12 provides scholarships to students earning the initial credits necessary to work at the Maine
13 State Ferry Service.

14	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
15	All Other	\$143,750	\$143,750
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$143,750</u>	<u>\$143,750</u>

18 **Maritime Academy - Operations 0035**

19 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the costs of marketing a workforce
20 development scholarship program that provides scholarships to students earning the initial
21 credits necessary to work at the Maine State Ferry Service.

22	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
23	All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>

27 **MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE**

28	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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30	GENERAL FUND	\$178,750	\$178,750
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32	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$178,750</u>	<u>\$178,750</u>

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill requires the Maine Maritime Academy to create the Workforce Development
35 Scholarship Program to assist students in earning the initial credits necessary to work at the
36 Maine State Ferry Service.