

# **129th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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H.P. 146	House of Representatives, January 17, 2019

An Act To Increase the Number of Teachers in Maine

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth. Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRENNAN of Portland, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, DUNPHY of Old Town, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, Senators: MILLETT of Cumberland, POULIOT of Kennebec, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12504, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 427, §5, is
further amended to read:

Loans of up to \$2,000 per academic year or \$8,000 total may be made to students 4 pursuing postbaccalaureate certification. Loans of up to \$3,000 \$9,000 per academic year 5 or \$12,000 \$36,000 total may be made to eligible undergraduate students. An individual 6 who has received an Educators for Maine loan as an undergraduate may also receive a 7 loan for students pursuing postbaccalaureate certification. In no event may an individual 8 receive more than \$20,000 \$44,000 in total Educators for Maine loans. Loans are for one 9 academic year and are renewable if the recipient maintains a grade point average of at 10 least 2.5 based on a 4.0 grade point system or the equivalent and submits a complete 11 renewal application by the deadline annually. 12

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### SUMMARY

Currently, under the Educators for Maine Program, an eligible undergraduate may receive a loan of up to \$3,000 per academic year or \$12,000 total. This bill increases those loan amounts to \$9,000 per academic year and \$36,000 total. It also increases from \$20,000 to \$44,000 the total loan amount under the program a student may receive in undergraduate and postbaccalaureate loans.