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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1160, L.D. 1252, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to School Funding and Inventory Tax Reimbursement."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the title
and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

Whereas, the requirements of Title 20, section 3747, must be
complied with; and

Whereas, this 90-day period will terminate after April; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine
and require the following legislation as immediately necessary
for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The appropriations and allocations
provided for general purpose aid for local schools in 1977-78
shall be expended for the purposes listed below under Parts A
and B of this section as modified by section 3 .

PART A

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| 1. Elementary and Secondary
Operating Costs | \$210,360,000 |
| 2. Special Education costs for
programs operated by the
administrative units | 9,032,600 |

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3. Special Education costs for tuition and board, excluding medical costs	4,314,600
4. Vocational Education Costs	5,680,800
5. Transportation Costs	
a. Operating	15,441,600
b. Purchase of Buses	2,827,400
6. Debt Service Costs	
a. Capital Outlay	763,900
b. Debt Service	27,300,000
Subtotal	275,720,900
Less: P.L. 874 Funds	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total - Part A	\$273,820,900
Less: Uniform Property Tax, 11.5 mills	<u>134,434,310</u>
State General Fund Requirement	\$139,386,590

PART B

1. Major Capital Costs	\$ 555,000
2. Cost of Unusual Enrollment Adjustments	600,000
3. Cost of Geographic Isolation Adjustments	308,934
4. Cost of Reimbursement for Private School Transportation	217,000
5. Audit Adjustments	71,000
6. Optional Local Appropriations with State Participation maximum State obligation	<u>8,113,326</u>
Total - Part B	<u>\$ 9,865,260</u>
General Fund	149,252,850
Uniform Property Tax, 11.5 mills	<u>134,434,310</u>
Grand Total	\$ 283,687,160

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Sec. 2. Basic per pupil elementary and secondary per pupil operating rate. The basic elementary per pupil operating rate 1977-78 shall be \$788 and the basic secondary per pupil rate for 1977-78 shall be \$1,115.

Sec. 3. Limit of state's obligation. In the event that the state's computed obligation for any individual program contained within Part A and B exceeds the level of funding provided for that program, any unexpended balances occurring in other programs within that Part may be applied to avoid proration of payments for any individual program. Any unexpended balance from Part A or B shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of (\$3,086,860) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and the sum of \$153,952,850 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
General purpose aid for local schools		
All Other	(\$3,086,860)	\$153,952,850

CF. R.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA §3748, sub-§4, 3rd, 4th and 7th sentences.
as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, §24-P, are amended to read:

Under this subsection, an administrative unit is authorized to appropriate a maximum of \$90 \$125 per pupil per year for the pupils specified in subsection 1. The maximum levy on a municipality within an administrative unit shall not exceed \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill levied on that municipality.

If the additional school levy authorized under this subsection fails to produce \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill levied, the commissioner shall add to the allocation of the unit for the unit's fiscal year a sum which, when combined with the local levy under this section, shall equal \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA §3748, sub-§4, 10th sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 746, §24-R, is further amended to read:

The purpose of these appropriations is to provide that all administrative units may raise and appropriate at least \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill to supplement the adjusted allocations when necessary in the judgment of the local administrative units.

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Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §451-A is enacted to read:

§451-A. Mill rate for fiscal year 1977-78

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 451, subsection 2, the uniform property tax rate shall be 11.5 mills for the period beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.

Statement of Fact

This amendment sets the total operating costs at \$210,360,000, increases leeway to \$125 on 2 mills, and it establishes the cost of education and the uniform property tax rate. It increases the maximum leeway to \$125 and appropriates funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978. The total cost of education established in this amendment is \$283,687.160. Total state share is \$149,252,850. Total local share based on 11.5 mills is \$134,434,310. The appropriation is arrived at as follows:

Total state share	\$149,252,850
Less federal funds available	500,000
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Total General Fund	148,752,850
Uniform property tax pay-in	5,200,00
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Total appropriation	\$153,952,850

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