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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2074

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7 H.P. 1565

House of Representatives, February 13, 1984

8 Submitted by the Department of Education and Cultural Services
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

10 Reference to the Committee on Education is suggested and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Locke of Sebec.

11 Copsonors: Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro, Senator Hayes of
Penobscot and Representative Mahany of Easton.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT Concerning Local Leeway Under
18 The School Finance Law.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 20-A MRSA §15511, sub-§3, ¶G, as enacted by PL
23 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

24 G. If the local leeway appropriation fails to
25 produce the amount per pupil established at the
26 computed mill rate for that year under this sub-
27 section, the commissioner shall add to the allo-
28 cation of the school administrative unit for its
29 fiscal year a sum which, when combined with the
30 local leeway appropriation, shall equal the
31 amount per pupil established at the computed mill
32 rate for that year. This sum shall be paid
33 ~~annually~~ semiannually to the unit no later than
34 July 31st for the previous January to June period

1 and no later than December 31st for the previous
2 ~~12-month~~ July to December period.

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 Local leeway money was originally paid on Decem-
5 ber 31st for the current fiscal year. In order to
6 help make up a deficit, the payment was shifted from
7 the current fiscal year to the previous calendar
8 year. This saved the State 1/2 the leeway amount the
9 year of the shift. Local units were able to carry
10 the shortfall as an accounts receivable. The present
11 bill moves 1/2 the leeway payment back 5 months,
12 bringing the payment closer to the current expendi-
13 ture year. Because the payment is only moved up to
14 July 31st and not June 30th, it does not necessitate
15 an increase in the Legislature's appropriation for
16 leeway.

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