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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " <sup>HH</sup> " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 832, L.D. 1137, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part X and inserting in its place the following:

**PART X**

**Sec. X-1. Essential programs study.** Beginning July 1, 1997 the State Board of Education shall develop for the Legislature an implementation plan for funding essential programs and essential services. The plan must be based on the criteria for student learning developed by the Task Force on Learning Results and established in Public Law 1995, chapter 649 and in rules adopted by the board and the Department of Education. The plan must include establishment of a system to measure and ensure that schools are held accountable for student learning results. The board shall present its plan and implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 1, 1998. The committee may report out a bill based on the proposal.

**Sec. X-2. Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs to report.** The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, by June 30, 1997, shall report out a bill in which a schedule and process for studying the school funding formula is established.

**Sec. X-3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

2 1997-98

4 **EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF**

6 **State Board of Education**

8 All Other \$75,000

10 Provides funds to the State Board of  
12 Education for the development of an  
14 implementation plan for funding essential  
16 programs and essential services.

16 **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TOTAL**

\$75,000'

18 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
20 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
22 consecutively.

22 **FISCAL NOTE**

24 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund  
26 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained  
for fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment strikes Part X of the committee amendment,  
32 which established a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Essential  
Programs and Essential Services and School Funding.

34 The amendment instead directs the State Board of Education  
36 to develop an implementation plan for essential programs and  
essential services and provides a General Fund appropriation to  
38 the board to support its work.

40 This amendment requires the Joint Standing Committee on  
42 Education and Cultural Affairs to report out a bill by June 20,  
1997 in which a schedule and process is established to study the  
44 school funding formula.

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