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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "O" 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. PL 1995, c. 395, Pt. J, §6 is amended to read:

Sec. J-6. Implementation plan. Beginning in March 1996 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 established in Public Law 1993, chapter 290. 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 December 1, 1996 1997. The committee may report out a bill based on the proposal.

Sec. X-2. Retroactivity. That section of this Part that amends the Public Law 1995, chapter 395, Part J, section 6 applies retroactively to December 1, 1996.

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

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1997-98

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EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF

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Essential Services Study

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All Other

\$75,000

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Provides funds to support a study by the State Board of Education to define and develop an implementation plan for funding essential programs and services within the School Finance Act.

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment deletes that part of the committee amendment that established the Blue Ribbon Commission on Essential Programs and Essential Services and School Funding and replaces it with an extension to December 1, 1997 from December 1, 1996 of a study by the State Board of Education for funding essential programs and essential services.

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