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118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 833, L.D. 1138, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change 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 inserting after Part Q the following:

PART R

Sec. R-1. 20-A MRS §15613, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Unobligated balances. Unobligated balances from amounts appropriated for general purpose aid for local schools may not lapse but must be redistributed to school administrative units in the same fiscal year. The commissioner shall make the final determination of the total amount of unobligated funds and must redistribute 75% of those funds to program costs and 25% of those funds to out-of-district placement costs. To redistribute the 75% portion to the state share of program costs, the reduction percentage originally calculated for program costs pursuant to section 15603, subsection 26-A, paragraph F must be reduced by an amount sufficient to distribute the 75% share. The reductions in these percentages apply to all program cost areas except the transportation operating cost allocation.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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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Requiring that unobligated balances of appropriations within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account be redistributed to school administrative units within the same fiscal year will reduce amounts that might otherwise be available to offset future funding needs of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools or other General Fund programs.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment specifies that unobligated general purpose aid balances may not lapse, but must be redistributed during the same fiscal year. Seventy-five percent of unobligated balances must be applied to program costs and 25% to out-of-district placement. The 75% portion to be applied to the state share of program costs must be determined by recalculating the original reduction percentage calculation.

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