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122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 480, L.D. 1381, Bill, "An Act To Update Teachers' Minimum Salaries"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3252, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. QQQQ, §1, is amended to read:

4-A. Targeted funds. In addition to tuition rates calculated pursuant to chapter 219, targeted funds for each student in the unorganized territory must be paid to the school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition purposes that a student attends. For purposes of this subsection, "targeted funds" means those funds identified under essential programs and services for technology, assessment implementation of a standards-based system and kindergarten to grade 2 pursuant to section 15671, subsection 6 and section 15681.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §3253-A, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. QQQQ, §2, is amended to read:

3-A. Targeted funds. In addition to tuition rates calculated pursuant to chapter 219, targeted funds for each student in the unorganized territory must be paid to the school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition

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2 purposes that a student attends. For purposes of this
3 subsection, "targeted funds" means those funds identified under
4 essential programs and services for technology, assessment
5 implementation of a standards-based system and kindergarten to
6 grade 2 pursuant to section 15671, subsection 6 and section 15681.

7 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §13402, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
8 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

9 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §§13403 and 13404**, as enacted by PL 1985,
10 c. 505, §3, are repealed.

11 **Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §13405** is enacted to read:

12 **§13405. Minimum salaries for 2006-2007**

13 Each school administrative unit and state-operated school
14 shall establish a minimum salary of \$30,000 for certified
15 teachers for the school year starting after June 30, 2006.

16 **Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2005, c.
17 12, Pt. UU, §1 and affected by §§12 and 13 and Pt. WW, §18, is
18 further amended to read:

19 **6. Targeted funds.** Funds for technology, assessment
20 implementation of a standards-based system and the costs of
21 additional investments in educating children in kindergarten to
22 grade 2 as described in section 15681 must be provided as
23 targeted allocations. School administrative units shall submit a
24 plan for the use of these funds and shall receive funding based
25 on approval of the plan by the commissioner.

26 **Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §15681, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2003,
27 c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

28 **A.** To receive targeted student--assessment funds for the
29 implementation of a standards-based system calculated
30 pursuant to subsection 2, a school administrative unit must
31 be in compliance with applicable state statutes and
32 department rules regarding local assessment systems for the
33 system of learning results established in section 6209 and
34 be in compliance with applicable federal statutes and
35 regulations pertaining to student assessment as required by
36 the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 United
37 States Code, Chapter 70.

38 **Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §15681, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
39 504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

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2. Targeted funds for the implementation of a standards-based system. For targeted student--assessment funds for the implementation of a standards-based system, the commissioner shall calculate one amount that may be made available to the elementary school level and middle school level and another amount that may be made available to the high school level in accordance with the following.

A. For fiscal year 2005-06, the commissioner shall establish a per-pupil amount for targeted student--assessment funds for the implementation of a standards-based system.

B. For fiscal year 2006-07 and each subsequent year, the commissioner shall recalculate the per-pupil amount by using the amount calculated under paragraph A as a base and appropriate trends in the Consumer Price Index or other comparable index.

C. Notwithstanding paragraph B, for fiscal year 2006-07 only, a portion of the targeted funds to implement a standards-based system must be dedicated to the achievement of the minimum starting salary for certified teachers established in section 13405. This paragraph is repealed June 30, 2007.

Sec. 9. 20-A MRS §15683, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

C. If the school administrative unit is eligible for targeted student--assessment funds for the implementation of a standards-based system pursuant to section 15681, subsection 1, the sum of:

(1) The product of the elementary school level and middle school level per-pupil amount for targeted student--assessment funds for the implementation of a standards-based system calculated pursuant to section 15681, subsection 2 multiplied by the kindergarten to grade 8 portion of the pupil count calculated pursuant to section 15674, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (1); and

(2) The product of the high school level per-pupil amount for targeted student--assessment funds for the implementation of a standards-based system calculated pursuant to section 15681, subsection 2 multiplied by the grade 9 to 12 portion of the pupil count calculated pursuant to section 15674, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (1);

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Sec. 10. PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. J, §§6 and 7 are amended to read:

Sec. J-6. Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2006-07 is as follows:

	2006-07 TOTAL
Total Operating Allocation	
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683 without transition percentage	\$1,326,135,418 <u>\$1,325,380,974</u>
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683 with 90% transition percentage	\$1,193,521,876 <u>\$1,192,842,877</u>
Transition adjustments pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15686	\$10,712,943
Total other subsidizable costs pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$354,628,374
Total Operating Allocation	
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683 with 90% transition percentage plus transition adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15686 and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$1,558,863,193 <u>\$1,558,184,194</u>
Total Debt Service Allocation	
Total debt service allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683-A	\$86,741,023
Total Adjustments and Miscellaneous Costs	
Total adjustments and miscellaneous costs pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 15689 and 15689-A	\$51,570,351

\$55,144,293

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Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12

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Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2006-07 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 606-B

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\$1,697,174,567
\$1,700,069,510

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Sec. J-7. Local and state contributions to total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The local contribution and the state contribution appropriation provided for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 is calculated as follows:

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2006-07 LOCAL 2006-07 STATE

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Local and State Contributions to the Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12

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Local and state contributions to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683

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\$783,076,345 \$914,098,222
\$916,993,165

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Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Teacher Retirement

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Initiative: Provides funds for the increase in the employer contributions related to the normal cost component of the Maine State Retirement System associated with increasing the minimum teachers' salary to \$30,000 per year in fiscal year 2006-07.

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GENERAL FUND **2005-06** **2006-07**
All Other \$0 \$215,866

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$215,866

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2 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

4 Initiative: Provides additional funds in fiscal year 2006-07 to
6 increase the minimum salary for certified teachers to \$30,000 per
year.

8	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
	All Other	\$0	\$2,894,943
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	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,894,943
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	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
14	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
16	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$3,110,809
18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$3,110,809'

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SUMMARY

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24 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment
26 strikes and replaces the bill to accomplish the following.

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28 1. It establishes a minimum salary for certified teachers
at \$30,000 for the school year starting June 30, 2006.

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32 2. As does the bill, it repeals statutory language that
limits the amount a school administrative unit may be required to
34 increase the salary of any teacher to no more than \$500 in one
school year.

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36 3. It revises the statutes that define the categories of
targeted funds within the Essential Programs and Services Funding
Act by striking the term "assessment" and replacing it with the
38 term "implementation of a standards-based system" to broaden this
targeted fund definition to reflect the work that has been done
40 to implement a standards-based system of educating children in
kindergarten through grade 12.

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44 4. It provides that, for fiscal year 2006-07 only, a
portion of targeted funds to implement a standards-based system
46 must be dedicated to the achievement of a minimum teacher salary
of \$30,000 per year beginning in the school year starting after
June 30, 2006.

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2 5. It adds an appropriations and allocations section that covers the cost of the increase in teachers' salaries.

4 6. It amends Public Law 2005, chapter 519, Part J to adjust the total allocation of funds to include the minimum teacher salary.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LD 1381

LR 1263(02)

An Act To Update Teachers' Minimum Salaries

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current Cost - State Mandate

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,110,809	\$2,161,520	\$2,181,534
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,110,809	\$2,161,520	\$2,181,534

State Mandate

New or Expanded Activity

Requiring school administrative units and state-operated schools to establish a starting salary of \$30,000 for certified teachers beginning in fiscal year 2006-07 is a mandate. The Department of Education has estimated the cost of the mandate to be approximately \$3,573,942 in fiscal year 2006-07. Although this legislation proposes to fund 100% of the cost of this provision in fiscal year 2006-07, local school administrative units will be required to share in the cost beginning in fiscal year 2007-08.

Unit Affected

School

Costs

Significant

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$3,110,809 in fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Education for the costs associated with increasing the minimum teachers' salary to \$30,000 per year. Of that amount, \$2,894,943 is provided to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program (GPA) and \$215,866 is provided to the Teacher Retirement program to increase the employer contributions of the normal cost component of the Maine State Retirement System associated with the salary increase.

LD 1968, the 2006-2007 Supplemental Budget, eliminated the proposal to establish a minimum salary of \$30,000 for certified teachers for the school year starting after June 30, 2006. Of the \$3.6 million that had been available within

the fiscal year 2006-07 GPA program to support the increase in teacher salaries, LD 1968 used \$2.9 million to fund transition adjustments for certain eligible school administrative units, leaving approximately \$0.7 million remaining to fund the salary increase. With only \$0.7 million available within the GPA funding, an additional General Fund appropriation is required for the balance.