

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1561, L. D. 1994, Bill, "AN ACT Equalizing the Financial Support of School Units."

Amend said Bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3713." by inserting at the end of subsection 1 the following underlined paragraph:

'It is the intention of the Legislature that 40% of the cost of the capital outlay and debt service projects shall be paid from the uniform property tax and that 60% of the cost of such projects shall be paid from nonproperty tax revenues with the program being implemented over a 3-year period -- 50% State, 50% local in 1974-75, 55% State, 45% local in 1975-76 and 60% State, 40% local in 1976-77 and thereafter.'

Further amend said Bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3713." by inserting at the end of subsection 2 the following underlined sentence:

'If the unit's allocation exceeds the uniform property tax as set forth in Title 36, section 451, the commissioner shall authorize such payments minus the tax levied under Title 36, sections 451 and 453.'

Further amend said Bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3713." by striking out all of the last underlined sentence of subsection 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Whenever a unit has authorized an additional school levy under this section, it shall pay to the Treasurer of State that part of its appropriation which is in excess of \$50, multiplied by the average number of pupils on October 1st and April 1st of the preceding year, times the authorized additional local school mill levy. The remaining

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sum shall be credited to the treasurer of the administrative unit.'

Further amend said Bill in section 7 in that part designated "§ 453." by striking out all of the 2nd underlined paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Said municipal treasurer shall pay to the Treasurer of State a sum equivalent to that portion of the tax levied under section 451 which is based upon a percentage of public school education costs which exceeds the allocation to the unit as computed under Title 20, section 3713. Said municipal treasurer shall pay to the treasurer of the School Administrative District or community school district in quarterly installments that portion of the tax levied under section 451 of public school education costs which is not in excess of the allocation to the unit as computed under Title 20, section 3713.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 15 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 15. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$89,512,778 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF

From the General Fund

\$89,512,778'

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the language of the bill and to permit municipalities to pay the uniform property tax in 4 equal installments to the school unit in which the municipality participates and not to require the uniform property tax to be paid into the General Fund. This amendment would also decrease the appropriation.

Filed by Mr. Bither of Houlton.

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