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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1437, L.D. 1452,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Fund Public School Education."

Amend said Bill in section 8 by striking out all of that part designated subsection 4 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'4. Percentage of state aid. The percentage of the total major capital outlay expenditures which the administrative unit was qualified to receive in school construction aid for the proposed project at the time when the proposed project and its financing were authorized, as computed ~~from Table II in sections~~ section 2356-B and Table II of section 3457;'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

'Sec. 12-A. 20 MRSA §3710 is enacted to read:

§3710. School Finance Act of 1975

This Act shall be known as the School Finance Act of 1975.'

Further amend said Bill in section 14 by striking out in the 11th line (9th line in L. D.) the following "4 and 5" and inserting in place thereof the following '4 5 and 6'

Further amend said Bill in section 16 by inserting in the next to the last line (same in L.D.) before the underlined words "per pupil" the underlined word 'unit's'

Further amend said Bill in section 18 by striking out all of the last 2 paragraphs of that part designated subsection 11 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'When an article is submitted to the voters in any administrative unit for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes for major capital outlay purposes, such article shall be in such form as is required by the state board at the time of initial project approval. The article shall set forth the present school debt still outstanding, the local share of debt service under the uniform school tax, the total cost of the project and the state's share of the proposed project under the conditions existing at the time of project approval, and such other language as may be required for approval of loans by the bonding authorities.'

Further amend said Bill in section 20 in that part designated subsection 1 by inserting before the underlined word "students" in the 2nd lines of paragraphs A and B (same in L.D.) the underlined word 'full-time'

Further amend said Bill in section 20 in that part designated subsection 1 by inserting at the end of paragraph C the following:

'Reimbursement shall be the commissioner's estimate or the actual expenditure, if lower.'

Further amend said Bill in section 24 by striking out in the 14th line (11th line in L.D.) of paragraph B the word "computed" and inserting in place thereof the following 'computed anticipated'

Further amend said Bill in section 26 by striking out all of paragraph E and inserting in place thereof the following:

'E. The state board is authorized to adjust, within the limits of its appropriation, state aid to reflect unusual enrollment increases when a unit documents that it cannot meet its school financial obligations within its allocation, supplemented by amounts permitted to be appropriated under paragraph B of this subsection and under subsection 11. Such an adjustment shall be added to the already computed allocation for the unit. School committees and boards of directors shall have the authority to expend funds so granted.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the first sentence after the amending clause of section 29 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Balances of ~~state-and-local~~ allocations at the end of ~~June-30th-each-year-may~~ the unit's fiscal year shall be carried forward to meet the next year's school needs in an amount not to exceed 10% of the total state and local allocation of the year just completed. Balances in excess of 10% of the total state and local allocation will be deducted from the state-local allocation for the subsequent year.'

Further amend said Bill in section 30 by striking out in that part designated subsection 11 all of the 2nd and 4th sentences and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Under this subsection, an administrative unit is authorized to appropriate a maximum of \$125 per pupil per year for the pupils specified in section 3713, subsection 1.'

Said sum shall be paid no later than the last month of the unit's fiscal year.'

Further amend said Bill in section 30 by inserting after the underlined words and figure "section 3713," in the 5th line (4th L.D.) of that part designated subsection 13 the following 'subsection 3,'

Further amend said Bill in section 31 by striking out all of the last underlined paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Notwithstanding any public or private statute to the contrary, each municipality shall annually adopt a school budget for a period to include the next full fiscal year, beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th. The change to a uniform school budget year shall be accomplished no later than the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1977.'

Further amend said Bill in section 35 by striking out all of the first underlined sentence of the 4th paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'A uniform school tax is assessed at a rate equivalent to 25% of the amount certified by the commissioner for the period July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975; and 50% of the amount certified by the Legislature for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 and thereafter; divided by the state valuation then in effect.'

Further amend said Bill in section 37 by striking out all of the 5th and 6th underlined sentences of that part designated "§453." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'For the calendar year 1975 and thereafter, payments of amounts due shall be made to the Treasurer of State in semi-annual installments payable on or before the 15th day of June and on or before the 15th day of December.'

Further amend said Bill in section 44 by striking out all of the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Notwithstanding the 2nd and 4th paragraphs of section 35 of this Act, the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall amend the certification made on January 31, 1975 to the Director of the Bureau of Property Taxation for public school education costs of 1974-75.'

Further amend said Bill in section 45 by inserting after the word "school" in the last line (next to last line in L.D.) the words 'or municipal'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the language of the bill.

Filed by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

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