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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

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

Amend said Bill by inserting before the Emergency clause the following:

'Sec. 46. Appropriation; Transition Fund. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 the sum of \$100,000. This appropriation shall be used to fund a Transition Fund, whose purpose shall be to aid, in accordance with the limitations of this section, any School Administrative Unit which is unable to maintain \longrightarrow its current per pupil costs during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 and whose elementary or secondary per pupil operating costs for the preceeding year were less than the state average elementary or secondary per pupil operating cost, or both, for the preceeding year.

A School Administrative Unit shall apply to the Board of Education for a disbursement no sooner than 90 days before the end of that unit's fiscal year. It shall demonstrate to the Board that, without a disbursement from the Transition Fund , one or more educational programs operated by that unit will be severely curtailed or abandoned.

Funds disbursed from the Transition Fund to the School Administrative Unit shall be disbursed by providing to the unit twice the amount of money raised by that unit through an increase in its local funding effort. In no case shall the money disbursed by the board to one School Administrative Unit exceed the sum of \$20,000.

Any moneys remaining in the Transition Fund on June 30, 1976 shall revert to the General Fund.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for a special transition fund to provide emergency aid to those School Administrative Units which, because of the change in the funding provisions of L.D. 1452, find one or more of their educational programs in danger from lack of funds and which are below average in their per pupil operating costs. The moneys from the Fund are to be disbursed by the Board of Education on a matching basis to a local educational authority which demonstrates its need under the provisions of the amendment for those funds. The amendment also provides for a maximum disbursement from the Transition Fund to any one authority of \$20,000.

Filed by Mr. Leonard of Woolwich.

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