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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " G " to HOUSE AMENDMENT "O" to H.P. 2020,
L.D. 2196, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to
Funding of Public Schools."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all of the 7th
paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Further amend said Bill in section 1 in that part designated
"§3747." by striking out all of the last sentence of subsection
6 and inserting in place thereof the following:
The Legislature shall appropriate no more than 90% of amounts
established for subsection 4 and subsection 3, paragraphs C, D,
E and F, subparagraph (1).'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out all of the
last 2 lines of the 8th paragraph and inserting in place thereof
the following:

'Reimbursement for both special education programs operated
or contracted for by the administrative unit and for special
education tuition and board shall be limited to 90% of the
estimated costs or 90% of the actual expenditures, whichever
is less. In no event shall a local unit be responsible for
contracted special education tuition and board in an amount
greater than \$500 per pupil; the balance, if any, shall be
reimbursed pursuant to this section.'

Further amend said Amendment by inserting after the 14th
paragraph the following:

'Further amend said Bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3748." by adding at the end of the first paragraph of subsection 4 the following:

The amount appropriated by the Legislature under section 3747, subsection 7 shall be the maximum state obligation under the first paragraph of this subsection.'

Further amend said Amendment in the fiscal note by striking out items 3 and 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'3. Special education tuition	3,195,000
7. Major capital - for emergency construction needs	555,000'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out in the fiscal note all of the 4th paragraph from the end.

Further amend said Amendment by inserting at the end the following:

'This amount includes state's obligation under the local leeway provision to units converting the uniform fiscal year.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for 90%, rather than 100%, reimbursement for special education tuition and board.

However, this amendment protects all administrative units from the excessive costs of certain high tuition residential programs in special education. The amendment also makes clear that the amount appropriated by the Legislature as local funds with state participation would constitute the state's maximum obligation under this provision.

This amendment adds the 10% reduction in this item to the total amount available in the major captial fund. The amendment also clarifies an error in the fiscal note.

(Corson)
NAME:



COUNTY: Somerset

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