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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-311)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 968, L.D. 1165, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Spending Ceiling for Education Purposes."

Amend the Amendment in the 9th paragraph by striking out in the 4th line the underlined words "but shall not be" and inserting in their place the underlined words 'and shall be'

Further amend the Amendment in the 10th paragraph by striking out in the 3rd line from the end the underlined words "but shall not be" and inserting in their place the underlined words 'and shall be'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting after the 10th paragraph the following:

'3-A. Exception. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any funds raised and expended for interscholastic athletic activities, excluding the costs of coaches salaries, shall not be included in any future calculations of the state average or total operating costs.'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977, except for Title 20, section 3749, subsection 3-A, which shall take effect on July 1, 1978.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

- 1. Assure that moneys raised for basic education costs under the maintenance of effort and hardship waiver provisions are included in the future computations of the state average per pupil and total operating costs; and
- 2. Exclude the costs of interscholastic athletic activities from future calculations of state average per pupil and total but these will be included in local operating costs. operating costs? Coaches' salaries will continue to be included as a part of these future calculations.

Title 20, section 3749, subsection 3-A will go into effect as of July 1, 1978.

Filed by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

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