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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H. P. 1160, L.D. 1252, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to School Funding and Inventory Tax Reimbursement."

Amend the Amendment by striking out all of sections 4, 5 and 6 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of (\$3,086,860) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and the sum of \$163,901,850 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
General purpose aid for local schools		
All Other	(\$3,086,860)	\$163,901,850

'Sec. 5. 20 MRSA §3748, sub-§4, 3rd, 4th and 7th sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, §24-P, are amended to read:

Under this subsection, an administrative unit is authorized to appropriate a maximum of \$90 \$125 per pupil per year for the pupils specified in subsection 1. The maximum levy on a municipality within an administrative unit shall not exceed \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill levied on that municipality.

If the additional school levy authorized under this subsection

fails to produce \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill levied, the commissioner shall add to the allocation of the unit for the unit's fiscal year a sum which, when combined with the local levy under this section, shall equal \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA §3748, sub-§4, 10th sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 746, §24-R, is further amended to read:

The purpose of these appropriations is to provide that all administrative units may raise and appropriate at least \$45 \$62.50 per pupil per mill to supplement the adjusted allocations when necessary to the judgment of the local administrative units.'

Further amend the Amendment in the Statement of Fact in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph A and inserting in its place the following:

'A. Adopt the basic school finance proposal adopted by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in L.D. 1445. This proposal establishes the total cost of education and the uniform property tax rate; increases the maximum leeway from \$90 to \$125 and appropriates funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978. The total cost of education established in this amendment is \$290,603,234. Total state share is \$159,201,850. Total local share based on 11.5 mills is \$134,434,310. The appropriation is arrived at as follows:

Total state share	\$159,201,850
Less federal funds available	<u>500,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$158,701,850
Uniform property tax pay-in	<u>5,200,000</u>
Total appropriation	\$163,901,850'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is reflected in the changes in the Statement of Fact in House Amendment "C" to the bill.

Filed by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

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