

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-126)  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1295, L.D. 1445, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish Total Educational Costs and the Uniform Property Tax Rate and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its 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 \$158,246,439 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)	\$158,246,439'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the last underlined paragraph of section 7 and inserting in its place the following:

'Notwithstanding the provisions of section 451, subsection 2, the uniform property tax rate shall be 11.75 mills for the period beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. 30 MRSA §5056, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 592, §2, is amended by adding at the end the following:

'This reimbursement shall be made to each municipality in accordance with the following schedule:

A. For the year 1977-78, 70% of each municipality's revenue loss shall be reimbursed;

B. For the year 1978-79, 60% of each municipality's revenue loss shall be reimbursed;

C. For the year 1979-80, 50% of each municipality's revenue loss shall be reimbursed;

D. For the year 1980-81, 40% of each municipality's revenue loss shall be reimbursed;

E. For the year 1981-82, 30% of each municipality's revenue shall be reimbursed;

F. For the year 1982-83, 20% of each municipality's revenue loss shall be reimbursed; and

G. Thereafter, no municipality's revenue loss shall be reimbursed.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the mill rate to 11.75 thereby freeing up funds for inventory tax reimbursement on a prorated basis as set forth in this amendment.

It also leaves sufficient funds in the General Fund for other programs.

Total state share is \$153,246,439. Total local share based on

11.75 mills is \$137,356,795. The appropriation is arrived at as follows:

Total state share	\$153,246,439
Less federal funds available	<u>500,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$152,746,439
Uniform property tax pay-in	<u>5,500,000</u>
Total appropriation	\$158,246,439

Filed by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

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