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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-142)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " D " 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 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
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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as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, §24-P, are amended to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 in the judgment of the local administrative units.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment 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. This amendment also changes the appropriation for general purpose aid for local schools in 1977-78 from \$160,868,924 to \$163,901,850.

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