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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE 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 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The appropriations and allocations provided for general purpose aid for local schools in 1977-78 shall be expended for the purposes listed below under Parts A and B of this section as modified by section 3.

PART A

1. Elementary and Secondary Operating Costs	\$210,360,000
2. Special Education costs for programs operated by the administrative units	9,032,600
3. Special Education costs for tuition and board, excluding medical costs	4,314,600
4. Vocational Education Costs	5,680,300
5. Transportation Costs	
a. Operating	15,441,600
b. Purchase of Buses	2,827,400
6. Debt Service Costs	
a. Capital Outlay	763,900
b. Debt Service	27,300,000
Subtotal	275,720,000
Less: P.L. 874 Funds	1,900,000
Total - Part A	\$273,820,000
Less: Uniform Property Tax 11.5 mills	134,434,310
State General Fund Requirement	\$139,386,590

PART B

1. Major Capital Costs	\$ 555,000
2. Cost of Unusual Enrollment Adjustments	600,000
3. Cost of Geographic Isolation Adjustments	308,934
4. Cost of Reimbursement for Private School Transportation	217,000
5. Audit Adjustments	71,000
6. Optional Local Appropriations with State Participation maximum State obligation	<u>8,113,326</u>

Total - Part B \$ 9,865,260

General Fund 149,252,850

Uniform Property Tax, 11.5 mills 134,434,310

GRAND TOTAL \$ 283,687,160

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Basic per pupil elementary and secondary per pupil operating rate. The basic elementary per pupil operating rate for 1977-78 shall be \$788 and the basic secondary per pupil rate for 1977-78 shall be \$1,115

Further 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 \$153,952,850 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1976-77 1977-78

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

General purpose aid for local schools

All Other

(\$3,086,860) \$153,952,850

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 and inserting in ^{their} place the following:

'Sec. 5. 20 MRSA §3748, sub-§4, 3rd, 4 th 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 reduces the total operating costs by \$10,000,000, increases leeway from \$100 on 2 mills to \$125 on 2 mills, and it establishes the total cost of education and the uniform property tax rate. It 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 \$283,687,160. Total state share is \$149,252,850. Total local share based on 11.5 mills is \$134,434,310. The appropriation is arrived at as follows:

Total state share	\$149,252,850
Less federal funds available	500,000
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Total General Fund	148,752,850
Uniform property tax pay-in	5,200,00
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Total appropriation	\$153,952,850



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COUNTY: Penobscot

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