

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

"B"

SENATE AMENDMENT 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 sections 1 through 6 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The appropriation 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	\$217,824,074
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	5,680,800
5. Transportation Costs	15,441,600
a. Operating	2,827,400
b. Purchase of Buses	
6. Debt Service Costs	763,900
a. Capital Outlay	26,750,000
b. Debt Service	
Subtotal	284,966,055
Less: P.L. 874 Funds	1,000,000
Total—Part A	\$280,734,974

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	8,113,326
Total—Part B	\$ 9,868,260
Grand Total	\$200,603,234

Sec. 2. Basic per pupil elementary and secondary per pupil operating rate. The basic elementary per pupil operating rate for ~~1977~~¹⁹⁷⁸-78 shall be \$819 and the basic secondary per pupil rate for 1977-78 shall be \$1,157.

Sec. 3. Limit of state's obligation. In the event that the state's computed obligation for any individual program contained within Part A and B exceeds the level of funding provided for that program, any unexpended balances occurring in other programs within that Part may be applied to avoid proration of payments for any individual program. Any unexpended balance from Part A or B shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

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 \$160,663,924 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)	\$160,863,924

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 bill establishes the total cost of education and the uniform property tax rate; increases the maximum leeway from \$00 to \$125 and appropriates funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978. The total cost of education established in this bill is \$290,603,234. Total state share is \$156,168,924. Total local share based on 11.5 mills is \$134,434,310. The appropriation is arrived at as follows:

Total state share	\$156,168,924
Less federal funds available	500,000
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Total General Fund	\$155,668,924
Uniform property tax pay-in	5,200,000
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Total appropriation	\$160,868,924

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