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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 477, L.D. 1284, Bill, "AN ACT to Define Eligibility for School Purposes and to Determine Financial Responsibility for the Education, Care and Treatment of State Agency Clients."

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Amend the bill by striking out the emergency preamble

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Further amend the bill in section 4, in subsection 5, paragraph C, in the last line (page 4, line 21 in L.D.) by adding after the following underlined word and punctuation "purpose." the following: 'Once the funds appropriated by the Legislature have been exhausted, all additional costs for the balance of the year of allocation will be paid by the school administrative unit where the parents of the student reside. Residency will be determined in accordance with chapter 213. These additional costs shall be included as special education costs when approved by the commissioner.'

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Further amend the bill in section 4, in subsection 5, by striking out all of paragraph D and inserting in its place the following:

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'D. In the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and every fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner shall pay only approved special education costs and regular education costs authorized by this subsection for state agency clients and shall not allocate, except as provided in paragraph c, for those costs incurred by the administrative unit for state agency clients in the base years starting July 1, 1985, and every base year thereafter.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 477, L.D. 1284

1 Further amend the bill in section 8, in subsec-
2 tion 4, in the 9th line (page 5, line 28 in L.D.) by
3 striking out the following: "34-A" and inserting in
4 its place the following: '24-A'

5 Further amend the bill in section 8, in subsec-
6 tion 4, in the 5th line from the end, (page 6, line 3
7 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "by" and
8 inserting in its place the underlined word 'to'

9 Further amend the bill by striking out the emer-
10 gency clause

11 Further amend the bill by inserting before the
12 Statement of Fact the following:

13 'Effective date. This Act shall take effect on
14 July 1, 1987.

15 FISCAL NOTE

16 This bill requires additional appropriations be-
17 ginning in fiscal year 1987-88. At the present time,
18 the additional costs to the Department of Educational
19 and Cultural Services, the Department of Corrections
20 and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retar-
21 dation, together, will be approximately \$5,000,000.'

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that
24 if insufficient state funds are not appropriated to
25 pay all costs involved, the local school unit shall
26 pick up the excess costs, as they do now, and that
27 those excess costs will be included as special educa-
28 tion costs under the School Finance Act. The amend-
29 ment also deletes the emergency preamble and the
30 emergency clause, makes 2 technical corrections, pro-
31 vides for an effective date of July 1, 1987 and adds
32 a fiscal note for potential future costs.

33 Reported by Senator Brown for the Committee on Education. 3883052485
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