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L.D. 2201

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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1610, L.D. 2201,
Bill, "AN ACT to Promote the Enhancement of Education
in Maine."

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Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of
subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

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'3. Guidelines for actual local operating and
program costs; updating. The commissioner's
recommendation for actual local operating and program
costs adjusted, exclusive of bus purchase costs, shall
reflect changes in pupil enrollment, economic factors,
actual changes in educational costs and any other
considerations which effect a change in the costs of
education. In any year, the adjustments shall not be
less than the average of the 2 most recent annual
percentages of increase in statewide operating and
program costs of school administrative units.
Notwithstanding this subsection, in the event that
increases in any category within the program costs is
significantly out of proportion to increases in the
other categories, the commissioner may use other
appropriate considerations in determining the
recommended funding level for that category. The
commissioner shall be conscious of the need for
prudent restraint in educational financing.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end
before the emergency clause the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " | " to H.P. 1610, L.D. 2201

1 'Sec. 5. Intent. In the event that the 113th
2 Legislature determines that additional funds, in
3 excess of \$430,236,351 are available to the General
4 Purpose Aid for Local Schools Fund for the fiscal year
5 1988-89, those funds, up to a limit of \$11,000,000,
6 shall be used to increase the adjustment used for
7 updating actual local operating costs for fiscal year
8 1988-89 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,
9 section 15605, subsection 3, above the adjustment
10 calculated by the commissioner under that section as
11 amended by this Act.

12 **Sec. 6. Appropriation.** The following funds are
13 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
14 purposes of this Act.

15 1988-89

16 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
17 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

18 General Purpose Aid for
19 Local Schools

20	All Other	\$13,122,263
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21 General Purpose Aid for
22 Local Schools

23	All Other	11,000,000
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24 Provides money for
25 additional adjustments
26 to update base year
27 local operating costs
28 for 1988-89.

30	TOTAL	\$24,122,263'
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31 Further amend the bill by inserting after the
32 emergency clause and before the statement of fact the
33 following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1610, L.D. 2201

1 'FISCAL NOTE

2 Funds for updating base year operating and program
3 costs, for maximizing subsidy stability, and for
4 guaranteeing the minimum 5% state allocation as
5 provided by this Act are included in the Governor's
6 Supplemental Budget. If appropriation of those funds
7 is approved, the appropriation of \$13,122,263 should
8 be deleted from this bill.

9 The appropriation for \$11,000,000 should be
10 adjusted once it is determined what funds are
11 available.'

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the
14 process for updating 2-year old educational operating
15 and program costs by requiring that, except in
16 extenuating circumstances, the adjustment determined
17 by the commissioner shall not be less than the average
18 of the last 2 years' increase in costs. The amendment
19 also expresses legislative intent to distribute any
20 additional funds available for education in fiscal
21 year 1988-89 in an equitable manner and adds an
22 appropriation section and fiscal note to the original
23 bill.

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