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(NEW DRAFT OF H.P. 1452, L.D. 1963) (NEW TITLE) SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 2543

H.P. 1858 House of Representatives, March 17, 1988 Reported by Representative BOST from the Committee on Education and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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Original bill sponsored by Representative RIDLEY of
Shapleigh. Cosponsored by Representatives LORD of Waterboro
and LAWRENCE of Parsonsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Provide for Identification and
Application of School Bus Purchase
Reimbursement Funds.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20-A MRSA §15620 is enacted to read:

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§15620. State allocation payments for school bus

purchases

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1. Use of allocation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, state allocation payments to school administrative units for school bus 2 3 4 purchases shall be used to reduce the amount requested 5 in the transportation account in the next annual budget of the school administrative unit. Except as provided in subsection 2, these state allocation payments may be expended only for costs attributable 7 to transportation operation activities or school bus 10 ... purchases. State allocation payments expended 11 12 accordance with this subsection shall be considered as 13 a school cost for future school subsidy purposes.

2. Exception. The school board for the unit may, by a 2/3 vote, specifically authorize the use of the funds specified in subsection 1 for another purpose or may carry such funds forward for use in the transportation account in succeeding years.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The original bill provided for identification of state educational allocation payments for special education, vocational education, transportation and school debt service and required local school units to spend that money in the same category unless voted otherwise by 2/3 of the school board.

This new draft limits application of the principle of the original bill to allocations based on school bus purchases and limits their use to activities in the school transportation account.

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