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L.D. 1439

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1033, L.D. 1439, Bill, "An Act to Provide a Minimum Level of State Educational Funding for Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15613, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 848, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

13. Minimum state allocation. If the state share percentage of operating costs for a school administrative unit, calculated before addition of the save harmless adjustment described in section 15613, subsection 12 is less than 5%, that unit's state subsidy shall be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the state share of the operating cost allocation and the amount determined by multiplying the total operating cost allocation by .05.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1989-90	1990-91
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools		
All Other	\$1,472,700	\$1,664,151'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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5 The amendment retains the intent of the bill to provide a
7 minimum subsidy calculated with reference to the operating cost
9 subsidy only, but changes the wording of the bill. To calculate
11 the minimum subsidy under the amendment, the Department of
13 Educational and Cultural Services would look at the state share
15 percentage of operating costs of each school administrative unit,
17 excluding consideration of any dollars the unit receives under
19 the "hold harmless" provision of the funding formula. If that
percentage is less than 5%, the department will calculate the
difference between the state share of operating costs and the
amount the unit would receive if the state share were 5%, and
will add that amount to the unit's subsidy, without reducing any
other subsidy due the unit. This minimum subsidy differs from
the current 5% minimum subsidy because that provision of law did
not provide additional money to a unit if it received subsidy
from any category of school costs, such as operating, program or
debt service, in an amount equal to 5% of operating costs.

Reported by the Committee on Education
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