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L.D. 1808

2 (Filing No. S-463) STATE OF MAINE **SENATE** я 114TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION 10 12 SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A" to S.P. 687, I..D. 1808, Bill, "An Act Concerning Errors and Inconsistencies in 14 the Laws of Maine" 16 Amend the amendment in Part B by inserting after section 1 18 the following: Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§22, ¶E, as amended by PL 1987, 20 c. 767, §3, is further amended to read: 22 E. The cost of tuition, books, fees and transportation for 24 courses taken at post-secondary institutions under chapter 208; and 26 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§22, ¶F, as amended by PL 1989, c. 414, \$24, is further amended to read: 28 F. Starting in 1990-91 for expenditures in base year 30 1988-89, the cost of child care services as specified in section 6651, subsections 3 and 6+ ; and 32 Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§22, ¶G is enacted to read: 34 36 G. Special education costs which are the costs of educational services provided to students who are 38 temporarily unable to participate in regular school programs. Students who may be included are pregnant students, hospitalized students or those confined to their 40 homes for illness or injury, students involved in substance 42 abuse programs within hospital settings or in residential rehabilitation facilities licensed by the Department of 44 Human Services, Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention, for less than 6 weeks duration or students suffering from other temporary conditions which prohibit their attendance at school. Students served under this 48 paragraph shall not be counted as exceptional students for federal reporting purposes.'

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 687, L.D. 1808

Further amend the amendment in Part B by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. PL 1989. c. 209 is repealed.'

Further amend the amendment in Part B by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment corrects the placement of language which was inserted into the definition section of the chapter on school financing during the regular session. The intent of the bill which originally added this language, L.D. 268, was to clarify that the costs of providing education services for students who are hospitalized, or otherwise confined because of illness or injury, are considered "special education costs" for purposes of the school funding formula, not "operating costs." The bill, as amended during the regular session, removed the costs from the category of operating costs, but did not provide for the inclusion of those costs within the special education category. This amendment correctly places the costs of educating hospitalized or confined students in the category of special education costs for purposes of the education funding formula.

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