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STATE OF MAINE  
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115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 468, L.D. 1251, Bill, "An Act to Raise the Family Allowance in Unemployment Compensation Benefits to a Reasonable Dependent Support Level"

Amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting at the beginning the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in subsection 6 in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$25" and inserting in its place the following: '\$15'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§3, ¶A-3 is enacted to read:

A-3. Charges may not be made to an individual employer for supplemental weekly benefits for dependents paid in accordance with section 1191, subsection 6. Charges for such benefits must be made to the General Fund.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Reimbursement for State Mandates</b>		
All Other	\$5,775	\$7,700

2 Provides funds for an  
4 increase in the dependent  
6 supplement for unemployed  
8 school employees.

8 FISCAL NOTE

10		1991-92	1992-93
12	<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		
14	General Fund	\$5,775	\$7,700

16 This bill increases the dependent supplement for unemployed  
18 workers from \$10 to \$15 per week per dependent and specifies that  
20 for tax-rated employers these supplemental benefits must be paid  
22 from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. However, most  
24 state agencies, school administrative units and municipalities  
are direct reimbursement employers and will experience increases  
in payments to former employees. The increased cost to the State  
may require additional General Fund appropriations for some  
departments.

26 Local school units will also incur additional costs related  
28 to benefits for former school employees, estimated at \$7,700  
30 annually. As a state mandate, General Fund appropriations to the  
32 Department of Education, Reimbursement for State Mandates of  
\$5,775 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$7,700 in fiscal year 1992-93  
will be required to reimburse school administrative units for  
these additional costs.

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36 STATEMENT OF FACT

38 This amendment changes the increase of the dependent  
40 supplement for unemployed workers in the bill from \$25 to \$15 per  
42 child. The amendment provides that no charges may be made to the  
44 experience rating record of individual employers for dependent  
supplements; instead, the supplements will be charged to the  
General Fund. The amendment also adds an appropriation and  
fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Minority for the Committee on Labor.  
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