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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1547, L.D. 2185, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 1992 and June 30, 1993 and to Change Certain Provisions of the Laws"

Amend the amendment in Part K in section 4 in the 11th line (page 214, line 32 in amendment) by striking out the following: "250,000" and inserting in its place the following: '200,000'

Further amend the amendment in Part K in section 4 in the 17th line (page 214, line 43 in amendment) by striking out the following: "201,000" and inserting in its place the following: '151,000'

Further amend the amendment in Part K in section 4 in the 8th line from the end (page 215, line 7 in amendment) by striking out the following: "9,057,847" and inserting in its place the following: '8,957,847'

Further amend the amendment in Part K in section 4 in the 6th line from the end (page 215, line 9 in amendment) by striking out the following: "606,037,060" and inserting in its place the following: '605,937,060'

Further amend the amendment in Part K in section 4 in the last line (page 215, line 17 in amendment) by striking out the following: "515,505,881" and inserting in its place the following: '515,405,881'

Further amend the amendment in Part K in section 6 in the last line (page 215, line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Part B of this Act \$250,000 for a total of \$515,505,881" and inserting in its place the following: 'Part B and Part XX of this Act \$150,000 for a total of \$515,405,881'

SENATE AMENDMENT

Further amend the amendment by inserting at the end before
the fiscal note the following:

PART XX

Sec. XX-1. Commission established; membership. The Select Commission on Education Finance is established to recommend changes in the State's school funding formula. The commission consists of 8 members: one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate; one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of a statewide school management association appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of a statewide teachers association appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of the State Board of Education appointed by the Governor; 2 public members with expertise in education finance, one to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the Governor; and the Commissioner of Education.

Sec. XX-2. Appointments; meetings. All appointments must be made no later than 15 days following the effective date of this Part. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than July 20, 1992. The commission shall select a chair and cochair from among its members and adopt rules of procedure.

Sec. XX-3. Duties. The commission shall study the feasibility of changes to the State's school funding formula. In conducting the study the commission shall examine the current school funding formula, national trends in education finance, school funding models in use elsewhere and any other related topic the commission finds useful.

The commission shall also study funding levels for public education for fiscal years 1992-93 and 1993-94.

Sec. XX-4. Powers. In performing the duties in section 3 of this Part, the commission may:

1. Meet at convenient times and places within the State;
2. Hold informational sessions for discussions with the public and other knowledgeable persons;

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3. Conduct research on questions within the scope of the study; and

4. Contract with national experts in school finance.

Sec. XX-5. Staff assistance. In addition to purchasing the services of national experts in school finance, the commission must receive staffing assistance from the Department of Education, Management Information Division. The commission may request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council.

Sec. XX-6. Reimbursement. Members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for days of attendance at commission meetings. All members of the commission who are not state employees are entitled to expenses, as defined in Title 5, section 12002, upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for those expenses.

Sec. XX-7. Report. The commission shall submit its report together with any necessary implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature no later than December 15, 1992.

Sec. XX-8. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

1992-93

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

All Other (\$100,000)

Provides for the deappropriation of funds from reductions of \$50,000 each from the adjustments for Private School Services and Geographic Isolation.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TOTAL**

(\$100,000)

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Select Commission on Education Finance

Personal Services \$1,000

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2	All Other	99,000
4	Provides funds for the Select Commission on Education Finance for the per diem of legislative members, expenses of all members, consulting services and miscellaneous commission expenses. These funds may not lapse but must carry from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.	
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12	TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>
14	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$-0-</u>

16 Further amend the amendment by relettering the Parts to read consecutively.

18 **FISCAL NOTE**

20 This amendment makes General Fund deappropriations of \$100,000 to the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and appropriates this amount for the Select Commission on Education Finance, resulting in no net impact to the General Fund savings realized in the bill. The Legislature can absorb the cost of staffing the commission during any interim between sessions.

30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This amendment establishes the Select Commission on Education Finance to recommend changes in Maine's school funding formula and recommend funding levels for public education for fiscal years 1992-93 and 1993-94.

40 (Senator ESTES)
42 SPONSORED BY: *Stephen C. Estes*
44 COUNTY: York

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