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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 215, L.D. 283, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995"

Amend the amendment in Part F in section 5 in the first line (page 336, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "sub-§8 is" and inserting in its place the following: 'sub-§§8 and 9 are'

Further amend the amendment in Part F in section 5 by inserting at the end the following:

'9. Additional adjustment in fiscal year 1993-94. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, for fiscal year 1993-94 only, the state share of the foundation allocation, debt service allocation and minimum state allocation is limited to \$519,739,094. The necessary reduction of \$110,561,521 from the commissioner's recommended funding level for fiscal year 1993-94 must be applied only to the state share of the foundation allocation, the minimum state allocation and the insured value factor of debt service allocation as specified in section 15610, subsection 1, paragraph G.'

Further amend the amendment in Part F in section 15 in subsection 26-A by striking out all of paragraph F.

Further amend the amendment in Part F by inserting after section 17 the following:

'Sec: F-18. 20-A MRSA §15610, sub-§1, ¶¶G and H are enacted to read:

G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, for fiscal year 1993-94 only, the state share of the foundation allocation, the minimum state allocation and the insured

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2 value factor of debt service allocation for each unit must
3 be reduced from the commissioner's recommended funding level
4 by an amount based on 50% of each of the following amounts:

6 (1) An amount calculated as 9.12% of each unit's state
7 share of its foundation allocation, its minimum subsidy
8 and its allocation for the insured value factor of debt
9 service; and

10 (2) An amount calculated by multiplying 0.8778 mills
11 by the state valuation of each unit.

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13 H. For all fiscal years following fiscal year 1993-94, in
14 the event that the Legislature maintains, reduces or
15 increases the appropriation for the state share of the
16 foundation allocation or the debt service from the prior
17 year or from the commissioner's recommended funding level
18 for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1993-94, the
19 commissioner shall implement that appropriation by modifying
20 the operating costs mil rate.'

21 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
22 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
23 consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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29 This amendment provides an alternative method for the
30 distribution of the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
31 appropriation. While the effect on the funding levels for
32 individual school administrative units can not be determined, the
33 amendment will have no effect on total General Fund
34 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
35 for both years of the biennium. In addition the mill rates
36 established in Part F may need to be adjusted. The effect of
37 this action can not be determined at this time.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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43 This amendment requires the calculations of the school
44 funding as provided for in the School Finance Act of 1985 and
45 eliminates straight percentage reductions of school funding.

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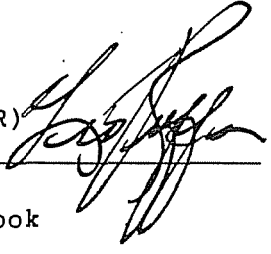
47 The amendment provides a transitional funding mechanism for
48 fiscal year 1993-94 to minimize the impact on certain school
49 administrative units of eliminating the straight percentage
50 reduction method of calculating each school administrative unit's
state subsidy.

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The amendment also requires compliance with the wealth neutrality test of the federal Impact Aid Act so that the State will continue to receive whatever federal aid to which it may be entitled pursuant to the federal Impact Aid Act.

(Senator KIEFFER)
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