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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 682, L.D. 924, Bill, "An Act to Amend the School Funding Formula"

Amend the amendment in section 8 by inserting before that part designated "**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**" the following:

'**EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF**

State Board of Education   ($58,375)

Provides for the deappropriation of funds previously appropriated for the Task Force on Learning Results.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

	1993-94	1994-95
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	$169,000	$3,205,332

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2   REVENUES

4   General Fund $169,000

6   The method for the distribution of a hardship fund for school administrative units is provided in this bill. The cost
8   to implement this proposal is $7,205,332. Since Committee Amendment "A" to the supplemental budget bill (LD 1761) provides
10   $4,000,000 for this purpose, a General Fund appropriation for the remaining $3,205,332 for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools is
12   required.

14   This bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of $58,375 in fiscal year 1994-95 for the Legislature for the
16   Committee to Study Organizational and Tax Issues in Public Schools for the per diem and expenses of members, to contract
18   with professionals and for miscellaneous committee expenses. A deappropriation from the State Board of Education of $58,375 in
20   fiscal year 1994-95 provides an offsetting source of funds so that there is no net increase in General Fund costs. The
22   additional costs to provide staffing assistance to the committee can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted
24   resources.

26   The Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Department of the Attorney General and the State Planning
28   Office will incur some minor additional costs to provide assistance to the committee. These costs can be absorbed within
30   the various departments' and agencies' existing budgeted resources.
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          The bill additionally includes a General Fund appropriation
34   of $50,000 in fiscal year 1994-95 for the Legislature to contract with the University of Maine System for educational research. A
36   deappropriation from General Purpose Aid for Local Schools in the same amount will result in no net increase in General Fund
38   appropriations.

40   The bill provides a General Fund appropriation of $169,000 in fiscal year 1993-94 to the Department of Education, Preschool
42   Handicapped program for federally mandated services to preschool handicapped children. This appropriation will be offset by the
44   lapsing of $169,000 from school construction aid audit recoveries from the General Purpose Aid for Local School account, again
46   resulting in no net General Fund costs.

48   Authorization is provided to the Department of Education to use up to $170,000 of any additional available construction aid
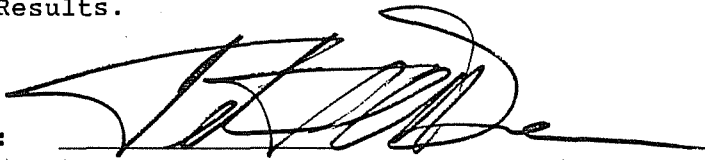50   audit recoveries or other unobligated balances in the General

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Purpose Aid for Local Schools program in fiscal year 1993-94 to
2   provide for additional needs at the Governor Baxter School for
      the Deaf and for additional services for preschool handicapped
4   children. If these funds are available for use in these other
      programs, the amount available to be carried forward into fiscal
6   year 1994-95 in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program
      will be reduced.'

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10   STATEMENT OF FACT

12   This amendment deappropriates funds that were previously
      appropriated to the State Board of Education for the Task Force
14   on Learning Results.

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18   SPONSORED BY: _____
        (Senator O'DEA)

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        COUNTY: Penobscot

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