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H.P. 722

House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

**An Act to Prevent the Loss of Federal Impact Aid Funds to Schools
Required to Reimburse under Federal Law.**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHICK of Lebanon, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DESMOND of Mapleton, ETNIER of Harpswell, FISHER of Brewer, GREEN of Monmouth, JACQUES of Waterville, JONES of Bar Harbor, MAYO of Bath, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MORRISON of Bangor, MURPHY of Berwick, RICHARDSON of Portland, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, SAXL of Bangor, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, SIROIS of Caribou, TRIPP of Topsham, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, TUTTLE of Sanford, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§5, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. DDDD, §1, is amended to read:

D. For fiscal year 1992-93, if the State does not meet the wealth neutrality test requirement of Public Law 81-874, subsection 5(d)(2) and if a state school subsidy of a school administrative unit is reduced in fiscal year 1992-93 as a result of Public Law 81-874 receipts, the Legislature unconditionally commits to restoring to that school administrative unit all of the state subsidy withheld due to receipt of Public Law 81-874, Section 3(c)(1) funds ~~if these funds must be subsequently returned to the Federal Government.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prevent the United States Department of Education from compelling federally impacted school units in the State to pay back federal funds they received for fiscal year 1992-93 under Public Law 81-874.