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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 73, L.D. 98, Bill, "An Act Regarding Balances Remaining in General Purpose Aid for Local Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15613, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Unobligated balances. Unobligated balances from amounts appropriated for general purpose aid for local schools may not lapse but must be redistributed to school administrative units in the same fiscal year. The commissioner shall make the final determination of the total amount of unobligated funds and must redistribute 75% of those funds to program costs and 25% of those funds to out-of-district placement costs. To redistribute the 75% portion to the state share of program costs, the reduction percentage originally calculated for program costs pursuant to section 15603, subsection 26-A, paragraph F must be reduced by an amount sufficient to distribute the 75% share. The reductions in these percentages apply to all program cost areas except the transportation operating cost allocation.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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### FISCAL NOTE

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6 Requiring that unobligated balances of appropriations within  
the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools account be  
8 redistributed to school administrative units within the same  
fiscal year will reduce amounts that might otherwise be available  
10 to offset future funding needs of General Purpose Aid for Local  
Schools or other General Fund programs.'

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### SUMMARY

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16 This amendment specifies that unobligated general purpose  
aid balances may not lapse, but must be redistributed during the  
same fiscal year. Seventy-five percent of unobligated balances  
18 must be applied to program costs and 25% to out-of-district  
placement. The 75% portion to be applied to the state share of  
20 program costs must be determined by recalculating the original  
reduction percentage calculation.