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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 629, L.D. 854, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Obligation of the State to Fund Adult Education"

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 §8606-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. State reimbursement.** State reimbursement for expenditures on adult education programs must be based on each unit's actual adult education program costs in the foundation year, except that in fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93 available state funding is limited to the fiscal year 1990-91 level, and in fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97 available state funding is limited to the fiscal year 1994-95 level. Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000 and every year thereafter, state funding must increase in proportion to any increase in state funding for the general purpose aid subsidy for public schools pursuant to chapter 606.

A. The state reimbursement must be based on the unit's expenditures for the foundation year in accordance with the maximum allowable expenditures and the local program cost adjustment to the equivalent of the year prior to the year of the allocation.

B. State reimbursement must be paid to each eligible unit during the 2nd quarter of the State's fiscal year.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 The Department of Education may require additional General  
Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000 in order  
10 to provide the same percentage increases for the state subsidy  
for adult education as are provided for General Purpose Aid for  
12 Local Schools. The amounts that may be required can not be  
determined at this time.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and adds a fiscal note. It  
20 ensures that funding for the state subsidy for public school  
adult education in fiscal year 1999-2000 and every year  
22 thereafter must increase in proportion to any increase in state  
funding for the general purpose aid subsidy for public schools  
24 for kindergarten to grade 12. This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.