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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " I" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 832, L.D. 1137, 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, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part X and inserting in its place the following:

**PART X**

**Sec. X-1. Essential programs study.** Beginning July 1, 1997 the State Board of Education shall develop for the Legislature an implementation plan for funding essential programs and essential services. The plan must be based on the criteria for student learning developed by the Task Force on Learning Results and established in Public Law 1995, chapter 649 and in rules adopted by the board and the Department of Education. The plan must include establishment of a system to measure and ensure that schools are held accountable for student learning results. The board shall present its plan and implementing legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 1, 1998. The committee may report out a bill based on the proposal.

**Sec. X-2. Education Research Institute.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10, the Education Research Institute shall continue to develop and maintain an education information system that tracks important education policy issues for the Legislature pertaining to kindergarten and grades one to 12.

**Sec. X-3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
<b>EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF</b>		
<b>State Board of Education</b>		
All Other	\$75,000	
Provides funds to the State Board of Education for the development of an implementation plan for funding essential programs and essential services.		
<b>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TOTAL</b>	<u>75,000</u>	
<b>EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>General Purpose Aid for Local Schools</b>		
All Other	(150,000)	(\$75,000)
Deappropriates funds as a further reduction to funding in Part B, section 1 for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TOTAL</b>	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(75,000)</u>
<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
<b>Education Research Institute</b>		
All Other	75,000	75,000
Provides funds to the Education Research Institute for continued development of the grades K to 12 education data base and for the conduct of targeted research.		

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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
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6	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0'</u>

8 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
10 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
12 consecutively.

### 12 FISCAL NOTE

14 This amendment will decrease the General Fund cost of the  
16 bill by \$75,000 in fiscal year 1997-98.

### 18 SUMMARY

20 This amendment strikes Part X of the committee amendment,  
22 which established a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Essential  
Programs and Essential Services and School Funding.

24 The amendment instead directs the State Board of Education  
26 to develop an implementation plan for essential programs and  
essential services and provides a General Fund appropriation to  
28 the board to support its work.

30 The amendment also provides a General Fund appropriation to  
32 the Legislature to continue funding to support the work performed  
by the Education Research Institute.

34 These appropriations are offset by General Fund  
36 deappropriations from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools  
program.

38 SPONSORED BY: *Sen. Cathcart*  
40 (Senator CATHCART)

42 COUNTY: Penobscot

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