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118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1250, L.D. 1769, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Additional Adjustments to the State Share of School Funding"

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

Sec. 1. Repayment of reduced funds in fiscal year 1997-98. In June of fiscal year 1997-98 the Commissioner of Education shall pay to each school administrative unit the fiscal year 1997-98 amounts of state school subsidy that would otherwise be withheld and paid in July of fiscal year 1998-99. The total repayment amount equals \$39,226,420.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1997-98

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

All Other \$39,226,420

Provides funds to repay each school administrative unit the amounts of fiscal year 1997-98 school subsidy that would otherwise be withheld and paid in July of fiscal year 1998-99.'

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 **1997-98**

10 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

12 General Fund \$39,226,420

14 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of
\$39,226,420 in fiscal year 1997-98 for the General Purpose Aid
16 for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to
pay the June 1998 school subsidy payment in June 1998 rather than
18 July 1998.

20 The Governor's proposed 1998-1999 supplemental budget LD
1950, as proposed for amendment by the administration's changes
dated March 5, 1998, includes a General Fund appropriation of
22 \$39,226,419 for this purpose.

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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment directs the
Commissioner of Education to repay local school administrative
units the so-called "general purpose aid push" from fiscal year
30 1990-91 by making a June 1998 subsidy payment of \$39,226,420 as
part of the fiscal year 1997-98 supplemental appropriations
32 budget.