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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1437, L.D. 2001, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act Regarding Education Funding"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the educational funding provision in current law that enables schools operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation to obtain significant additional federal funding will expire on June 30, 1998; and

Whereas, this federal funding reduces state general purpose aid to those schools operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation; and

Whereas, a report from the Department of Education filed with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs showed average annual savings in general purpose aid of nearly \$750,000, while the tribal schools also benefited from additional federal funding; and

Whereas, it is necessary to continue this provision of law that allows the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation to obtain certain federal funding that would otherwise not be available to support the schools that they operate; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

