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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1457, L.D. 2048, Bill, "An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief and to Ensure Equitable School Funding"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15605, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. D, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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1. Annual recommendation. Prior to December 15th of each year, the commissioner, with the approval of the state board, shall recommend to the Governor and the Bureau of the Budget the funding levels that the commissioner recommends for sections 15604 and 15612.

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15653, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. D, §4 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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3. Legislature's contribution. The commissioner's recommendation for an appropriation for the Legislature's contribution to the per pupil guarantee for all subsidizable pupils in all school administrative units must be at least the amount of the corresponding appropriation for the prior fiscal year, unless a lesser amount is necessary to ensure compliance with section 15607, subsection 1.'

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FISCAL NOTE

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Eliminating the provisions requiring that the Commissioner

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2 of Education's recommended funding level for school subsidy as
well as the amount that the Legislature may appropriate for
4 school subsidy be funded at no more than the year then in
progress may increase requests for General Purpose Aid for Local
6 Schools beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000.

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SUMMARY

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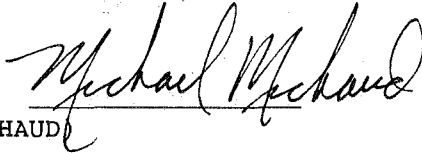
The amendment strikes the statutory provisions that limit
both the Commissioner of Education's recommended funding level
12 and the Legislature's appropriation for the General Purpose Aid
to Local Schools to the funding level for the prior fiscal year.

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