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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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SENATE  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 96, L.D. 235, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Amount of State Contribution to Out-of-district Placements"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 18 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and section 15612"

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 18 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "75%" and inserting in its place the following: '60%'

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

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**1999-00                      2000-01**

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**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

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**General Purpose Aid for Local Schools**

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All Other    \$2,893,547                      \$3,409,560

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Provides funds to establish the state share of the cost of out-of-district placements at 60% of the actual cost of the placements.'

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

R.S.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 96, L.D. 235

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

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**1999-00**

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**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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General Fund

\$2,893,547

\$3,409,560

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This bill includes additional General Fund appropriations of \$2,893,547 and \$3,409,560 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to increase the state share of out-of-district placement funding to 60% of the actual cost of the placements.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment changes the state share of out-of-district placement funding to 60%. The amendment also retains the adjustment provision in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15612, subsection 11 that specifies that a school administrative unit that places a student in an out-of-district placement must receive an adjustment equal to the amount, if any, by which the tuition, treatment and room and board costs for an approved out-of-district special education placement in the year of allocation exceeds 3 times the secondary foundation per pupil operating rate for that year or a prorated amount if the placement is less than a full year. The amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

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