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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 455, L.D. 618, 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, 2000 and June 30, 2001"

Amend the amendment by adding after Part P the following:

PART Q

Sec. Q-1. Child-centered education scholarships. The Department of Education shall establish and administer a program to provide a scholarship to the family of a child attending a school other than the school available in the local public school administrative district or union. The program is available only to those families that meet the following requirements:

1. The family has an annual adjusted income of less than \$25,000;

2. The child attends a school other than the available public school; and

3. The family resides in a school administrative district or union that ranks in the lowest 20th percentile for performance and education achievement in the State.

The department must make available 1,000 scholarships of \$3,000 each.

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

2000-01

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

HOUSE AMENDMENT

2 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools**

4 All Other (\$3,000,000)

6 Deappropriates funds previously appropriated
8 in Part B, section 1.

10 **Child-centered Scholarship Program**

12 All Other \$3,000,000

14 Provides funds for 1,000 scholarships at
16 \$3,000 each as described in Part Q, section
18 1.

18 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
TOTAL

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20 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
22 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
24 consecutively.

26 **FISCAL NOTE**

28 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
30 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
32 for fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment provides for the establishment of the
38 Child-centered Scholarship program to provide 1,000 scholarships
40 per year of \$3,000 each to families of children making less than
42 \$25,000 per year living in school districts that rank in the
lowest 20th percentile for academic performance if those children
attend schools other than the local public school.

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