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S.P. 474

In Senate, February 18, 1999

An Act to Fund the Special Educational Adjustment.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock. Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

2	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
4	from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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10	General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
12	All Other \$500,000
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	Provides funds for the special educational
16	adjustment as defined in the Maine Revised
18	Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15612,
18	subsection 6. Notwithstanding Title 20-A, section 15612, subsection 6, paragraph B or
20	any other provision of law, funds for the
	adjustment must carry from year to year to
22	be expended only for that purpose.
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	Maine statutes currently allow an adjustment in a school
28	administrative unit's school subsidy amount if a school can
	demonstrate that the unexpected placement of a special education
30	student will cause a budgetary hardship. Funds for these
	hardship grants are limited to amounts appropriated by the
32	Legislature and no funds have been appropriated for several
34	years. This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 to the Department of Education to fund these special
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