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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 693, L.D. 1939, Bill, "An Act to Fund a Minimum Level of Services for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Persons in all Regions of the State"

Amend the bill by striking out all of those parts designated "PART A" and "PART B" and inserting in their place the following:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

1999-00 2000-01

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
Rehabilitation Services**

All Other \$200,000 \$200,000

Provides funds for additional community services to be provided by the Maine Center on Deafness. These funds are to be specifically used to establish and operate a northern Maine office and to continue operations in the Portland office of the Maine Center on Deafness.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the bill in that part designated "PART C" in
3 section 2 in the 15th line (page 3, line 41 in L.D.) by inserting
4 after the following: "matters" the following: 'and the joint
5 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
6 appropriations and financial affairs'

8 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
9 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
10 consecutively.

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

14 **FISCAL NOTE**

| | 1999-00 | 2000-01 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS | | |
| General Fund | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |

24 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$200,000
25 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Department of
26 Labor, Rehabilitation Services program, for additional community
27 services to be provided by the Maine Center on Deafness. The
28 Governor's proposed "Part 2" budget includes \$120,000 in each of
29 fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to establish community centers
30 for the deaf.

32 The Department of Labor will incur some minor additional
33 costs to conduct a review of the Division of Deafness and issues
34 related to the provision of services to the deaf and
35 hard-of-hearing. These costs can be absorbed within the
36 department's existing budgeted resources.

38 Several state departments and agencies are required to
39 consult with and provide assistance to the Department of Labor
40 during the review. Any additional costs associated with those
41 activities can be absorbed within the existing budgeted resources
42 of those departments and agencies.'

44 **SUMMARY**

46 The amendment reduces the General Fund appropriation to
47 \$200,000 annually for additional community services to be
48 provided by the Maine Center on Deafness. It eliminates Part B
49 of the bill and adds that the Joint Standing Committee on
50 Appropriations and Financial Affairs is to be provided

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2 recommendations concerning the Department of Labor's review of the Division of Deafness. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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