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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1790, L.D. 2510, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change 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 striking out all of Part D and inserting in its place the following:

PART D

Sec. D-1. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Cushion provision in fiscal year 2000-01. The following cushion is established for fiscal year 2000-01. The state share of subsidy for fiscal year 2000-01 for operating costs, program costs excluding the state share of bus purchases and minimum subsidy may not be less than the state share of subsidy for fiscal year 1999-00 for operating costs, program costs excluding the state share of bus purchases, minimum subsidy and the fiscal year 1999-00 hold harmless provision actually distributed in fiscal year 1999-00. The funds appropriated for the fiscal year 2000-01 cushion provision are limited to the amount appropriated by the Legislature, and the department is authorized to prorate payments to units if the amount appropriated is insufficient to make full payment to all units.

Sec. D-2. 20-A MRSA §15653, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. GG, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Per pupil guarantee. The Legislature shall annually establish a per pupil guarantee. For fiscal year 1999-00, the per pupil guarantee is \$4,020 and, for fiscal year 2000-01, the

per pupil guarantee is \$4,307. In the subsequent 3 2 fiscal  
years, it is the intent of the Legislature to achieve the per  
pupil guarantee targets established in this subsection.

~~A. For fiscal year 2000-01 the per pupil guarantee target  
is \$4,307.~~

B. For fiscal year 2001-02 the per pupil guarantee target  
is \$4,687.

C. For fiscal year 2002-03 the per pupil guarantee target  
is \$5,204.

The intent of the Legislature is to achieve a per pupil guarantee  
that matches projected spending in fiscal year 2002-03.  
Beginning in fiscal year ~~2000-01~~ 2001-02, if the appropriation  
and any increase in the mill rate determined by the Legislature  
to be needed under this section are not sufficient to achieve  
both the targeted reduction percentage in section 15603,  
subsection 26-A, paragraph F and the targeted per pupil  
guarantee, then the per pupil guarantee must advance toward the  
targeted per pupil guarantee in the same proportion as the  
reduction percentage is lowered toward the targeted reduction  
percentage.

**Sec. D-3. 20-A MRSA §15653, sub-§4,** as repealed and replaced  
by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. GG, §7, is amended to read:

**4. Statewide local share.** For fiscal year 1999-00 ~~2000-01~~,  
the statewide local share amount of the operating costs  
allocation is based on the sum of the amounts determined by  
multiplying for each unit ~~6.67~~ 6.89 mills times the unit's  
property fiscal capacity. In subsequent years the mill rate is  
~~6.67~~ 6.89 mills, except that the Legislature shall determine if  
an increase is needed to achieve the targeted per pupil guarantee  
under this section.

**Sec. D-4. Basic elementary and secondary per pupil operating rates.**  
The basic elementary per pupil operating rate for the 2000-01  
fiscal year is \$4,341 and the basic secondary per pupil operating  
rate for the 2000-01 fiscal year is \$5,181. The foundation per  
pupil operating rate for the 2000-01 fiscal year is \$4,596.

**Sec. D-5. Per pupil guarantee and statewide factor.** The per pupil  
guarantee for the 2000-01 fiscal year is \$4,711. The statewide  
factor for the 2000-01 fiscal year is 0.48850.

2           **Sec. D-6. Foundation allocation.** The foundation allocation of  
state and local funds for the 2000-01 fiscal year for the  
purposes listed in this section is as follows.

	<b>2000-01</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>8           OPERATING COSTS</b>	
10           Per pupil guarantee pursuant to	
12           the Maine Revised Statutes,	
Title 20-A, section 15653	\$1,009,415,034
<b>14           PROGRAM COSTS</b>	
16           Early Childhood	563,978
18           Special Education (Local)	148,103,245
20           Special Education (Tuition and	13,826,263
22           Board)	
24           Vocational Education	27,318,717
26           Transportation Operating	63,741,907
28           Bus Purchases	5,000,000
<b>PROGRAM COSTS TOTAL</b>	<u>258,554,110</u>
<b>FOUNDATION TOTAL - COMBINED ADJUSTED</b>	
<b>OPERATING AND PROGRAM COST</b>	<u>\$1,267,969,144</u>

34           **Sec. D-7. Foundation subsidy indexes.** This section establishes  
36 mill rates pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,  
chapter 606 as follows: operating cost millage, 6.67 mills;  
program millage limit, 1.46 mills.

38           **Sec. D-8. Foundation reduction percentages.** This section  
40 establishes reduction percentages as follows: program cost  
reduction percentage - 0%; transportation operating reduction  
42 percentage - 0%.

44           **Sec. D-9. Foundation appropriation.** The foundation  
appropriation provided for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools  
46 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30,  
2001 is calculated as follows.

48		<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2000-01</b>
50		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>STATE</b>

2	<b>Foundation Total - Combined</b>		
4	<b>Adjusted Operating and</b>		
	<b>Program Cost</b>	\$1,267,969,144	\$698,070,431
6	Minimum State Subsidy	1,086,000	1,086,000
8	<b>ADJUSTED STATE SHARE</b>		
	<b>FOUNDATION</b>		
10	<b>ALLOCATION TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,269,055,144</u>	<u>\$699,156,431</u>

12       **Sec. D-10. Debt service appropriation.** The debt service  
 14 appropriation of state funds for fiscal year 2000-01 for the  
 purposes listed in this section is as follows.

16 **2000-01**  
 18 **TOTAL**

20 **Debt Service Costs**

22	Principal and Interest		\$69,107,107
	Approved Leases		6,861,468
24	Insured Value Factor		2,390,621
26	<b>Debt Service Cost Total</b>		<u>\$78,359,196</u>

28       **Sec. D-11. Debt service subsidy indexes.** This section  
 30 establishes mill rates pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,  
 Title 20-A, chapter 606 as follows: operating cost millage, 6.67  
 32 mills; debt service millage limit, 0.50 mills.

34       **Sec. D-12. Debt service reduction percentages.** This section  
 establishes reduction percentages as follows: Insured Value  
 36 Factor Reduction percentage - 0%.

38       **Sec. D-13. Debt service appropriation.** The debt service  
 appropriation provided for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools  
 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30,  
 40 2001 is calculated as follows.

42		<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2000-01</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>STATE</b>
44	<b>ADJUSTED DEBT SERVICE</b>		
46	<b>ALLOCATION TOTAL</b>	\$78,359,196	\$57,629,537

48       **Sec. D-14. Adjustments and miscellaneous costs appropriation.** The

adjustments and miscellaneous costs appropriation of state funds  
for the 2000-01 fiscal year for the purposes listed in this  
section is as follows.

		<b>2000-01</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjustments and Miscellaneous Costs</b>	
10	Cost of Geographic Isolation Adjustments	\$250,000
	Cost of Quality Incentive Adjustments	0
12	Audit Adjustments	0
14	Cost of Reimbursement for Private School Services	201,000
16	Special Education Tuition and Board for State Wards and Other Pupils Placed Directly by the State	8,806,800
18	State Agency Clients	19,439,400
	English as a 2nd Language	1,600,000
20	Out-of-district Placements	2,592,120
	Long-term Drug Treatment Centers	63,415
22	Contract for Cost-of-education and Income Data	0
24	Fiscal Year 2001 Cushion	0
<b>26</b>	<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$32,952,735</b>

**28 Sec. D-15. Adjustments and miscellaneous costs appropriation.** The  
adjustments and miscellaneous costs appropriation provided for  
30 General Purpose Aid for Local Schools for the fiscal year  
beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001 is calculated as  
32 follows.

		<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2000-01</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>STATE</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
<b>38</b>	<b>COSTS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,952,735</b>	<b>\$32,952,735</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>FOUNDATION, DEBT SERVICE AND</b>		
<b>42</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
	<b>COSTS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,380,367,075</b>	<b>\$789,738,703</b>

**44 Sec. D-16. Limit of State's obligation.** If the State's continued  
obligation for any individual program contained in sections 6, 9,  
46 10, 13, 14 and 15 of this Part exceeds the level of funding  
provided for that program, any unexpended balances occurring in  
48 other programs may be applied to avoid proration of payments for  
any individual program. Any unexpended balances from sections 6,  
50 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15 of this Part may not lapse but must be  
carried forward for the same purpose.

2           **Sec. D-17. Appropriations.** Sections 1 to 15 of this Part may  
not be construed to require the State to provide payments that  
4           exceed the appropriation of funds for General Purpose Aid for  
Local Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and  
6           ending June 30, 2001.

8           **Sec. D-18. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
10           this Part.

12           **2000-01**

14           **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**  
16           **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools**

18           All Other \$125,576,857

20           Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
22           provides for the appropriation of funds to  
meet a state share of 55% of the estimated  
24           total allocation for fiscal year 2000-01.'

26           **FISCAL NOTE**

28           This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the  
bill by \$125,576,857 in fiscal year 2000-01 to fully fund General  
30           Purpose Aid for Local Schools at 55%. As a result, a balanced  
budget is not maintained for fiscal year 2000-01.

34           **SUMMARY**

36           This amendment fully funds the State's share of General  
38           Purpose Aid as required by law.

40           SPONSORED BY:   
42           (Representative GOODWIN)

44           TOWN: Pembroke

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