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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "0" 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 in Part D in section 1 in subsection 14 in the last line (page 157, line 48) by inserting the following: '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.'

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 14 by striking out all of the last 3 lines (page 161, lines 42 to 44 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

'Fiscal Year 2001 Cushion 1,309,294

Total Adjustments \$34,262,029'

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 15 by striking out all of the 4th line from the end (page 162, line 6 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'COSTS TOTAL \$34,262,029 \$34,262,029'

Further amend the amendment in Part D in section 15 by striking out all of the last line (page 162, line 10 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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2 'COSTS TOTAL \$1,278,065,832 \$661,161,846'

4 Further amend the amendment by inserting after Part DDDD the
following:

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'PART EEEE

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

- 16 1. The family has an annual adjusted income of less than
\$25,000;
- 18 2. The child attends a school other than the available
20 public school; and
- 22 3. The family resides in a school administrative district
or union that ranks in the lowest 20th percentile for performance
24 and education achievement in the State.

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

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The department may adopt rules, which are routine technical
rules, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter
375, subchapter II-A, to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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

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2000-01

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

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General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

All Other (\$3,000,000)

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Deappropriates a portion of the funds
provided in Part A, section 1 to the General
Purpose Aid for Local Schools program.

Child-centered Scholarship Program

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2 All Other \$3,000,000

4 Provide funds for one thousand \$3,000
6 scholarships to be awarded by the Department
of Education.

8 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
9 **TOTAL** \$0'

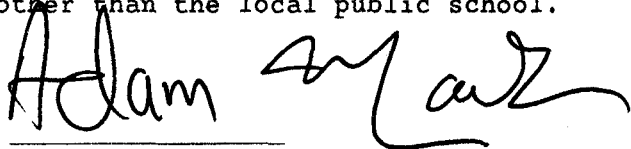
10 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
12 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

14 **FISCAL NOTE**

16 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
18 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
for fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01. This amendment
20 includes a deappropriation of \$3,000,000 from the General Purpose
Aid for Local Schools program and appropriates the same amount to
22 the Child-centered Scholarship Program within the Department of
Education.

24 **SUMMARY**

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

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36 SPONSORED BY: _____
38 (Representative MACK)

40 TOWN: Standish

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