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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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

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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.

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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.

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

Sec. D-7. Foundation subsidy indexes. This section establishes 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.

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

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

50		2000-01	2000-01
		TOTAL	STATE

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2	Foundation Total - Combined		
4	Adjusted Operating and		
	Program Cost	\$1,267,969,144	\$698,070,431
6	Minimum State Subsidy	1,086,000	1,086,000
8	ADJUSTED STATE SHARE		
	FOUNDATION		
10	ALLOCATION TOTAL	<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	Debt Service Cost Total		<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
40 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30,
2001 is calculated as follows.

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

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

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

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**2000-01
TOTAL**

Adjustments and Miscellaneous Costs

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Cost of Geographic Isolation Adjustments	\$250,000
Cost of Quality Incentive Adjustments	0
Audit Adjustments	0
Cost of Reimbursement for Private School Services	201,000
Special Education Tuition and Board for State Wards and Other Pupils Placed Directly by the State	8,806,800
State Agency Clients	19,439,400
English as a 2nd Language	1,600,000
Out-of-district Placements	2,592,120
Long-term Drug Treatment Centers	63,415
Contract for Cost-of-education and Income Data	0
Fiscal Year 2001 Cushion	0

Total Adjustments \$32,952,735

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

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**2000-01
TOTAL** **2000-01
STATE**

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**ADJUSTMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS
COSTS TOTAL** \$32,952,735 \$32,952,735

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**FOUNDATION, DEBT SERVICE AND
ADJUSTMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS
COSTS TOTAL** \$1,380,367,075 \$789,738,703

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

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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 \$118,286,151


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

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26 **FISCAL NOTE**

28 This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the
bill by \$118,286,151 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.

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment fully funds General Purpose Aid to the amount
required by law.

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40 SPONSORED BY: 
42 (Representative GOODWIN)

44 TOWN: Pembroke