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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 241, L.D. 293, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Funding Recommendations of the Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-Q is enacted to read:

1-Q. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, \$5,000,000 must be transferred by the State Controller from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund, established in Title 20-A, section 7412, in fiscal year 2001-02.

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires the transfer of \$5,000,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund in fiscal year 2001-02 to the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund to increase the capitalization of the fund.

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2 The amount of interest earnings that will be lost to the
fund as a result of this transfer is expected to be approximately
\$300,000 annually.

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6 The Governor's proposed "current services" budget, as
amended, includes changes that may affect this bill's impact on
earnings to the Maine Rainy Day Fund. This estimate of the
8 fiscal impact may need to be adjusted based on final legislative
actions on the "current services" budget.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the State
16 Controller to transfer \$5,000,000 from the Maine Rainy Day Fund
into the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf Student Trust Fund.
The trust fund will be used to pay compensation to former
18 students of the Maine School for the Deaf and the Governor Baxter
School for the Deaf for abuse they suffered while students at
20 either school.

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