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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "N" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 256, L.D. 300, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part Y the following:

PART Z

Sec. Z-1. Second tier cushion in fiscal year 2001-02. The following 2nd tier cushion is established for fiscal year 2001-02 in addition to any other 2nd tier cushion that may be established by law.

A school administrative unit is eligible for a prorated share of the 2nd tier cushion established in this Part of \$2,000,000 if the school administrative unit meets the following criteria:

1. The school administrative unit has a per pupil valuation of less than \$400,000; and

2. The school administrative unit's State share of subsidy for fiscal year 2001-02 for operating costs and program costs excluding the state share of bus purchases plus minimum subsidy is less than the school administrative unit's State share of subsidy for fiscal year 2000-01 for operating costs and program costs excluding the State share of bus purchases plus minimum subsidy and the 2000-01 cushion provision.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

2 **Sec. Z-2. Limitation.** A school administration unit is not
eligible for additional 2nd tier cushion funding if it receives
4 more than \$400,000 in adjustments to component funding.

6 **Sec. Z-3. Implementing language.** Notwithstanding Part C of
this Act, within 30 days of enactment of this Act, the Department
of Education shall submit implementing language to the
8 Legislature making changes to Part C necessitated by this Part.

10 **Sec. Z-4. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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14 **2001-02**

16 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **General Purpose Aid for
Local Schools**

20 All Other \$2,000,000

22 Provides funding for an increased cushion to
eligible local school administrative units.
24 Notwithstanding the language in Part C, the
department may distribute additional cushion
26 amounts.'

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

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34 **FISCAL NOTE**

This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the
36 bill by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02. Based on the
estimated year-ending balances, this amendment maintains a
38 balanced General Fund budget.

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SUMMARY

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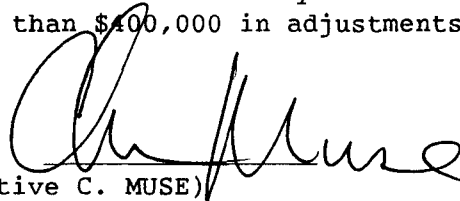
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This amendment provides a 2nd tier of cushion funding for general purpose aid. The cushion is in addition to any other 2nd tier cushion that may be provided by law. Funding from the cushion is not available to any school administrative unit that receives more than \$100,000 in adjustments to component funding.

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