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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" 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 Z-1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 763, §1 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

**7. Payment by State.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the State, through the commission, shall pay 100% of only the employee's share of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission, except for Legislators, for whom the State shall pay 80% of only the Legislator's share of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and shall pay 50% of the health plan premium for dependent coverage. For any person appointed to a position after November 1, 1981 who is employed less than full time, the State shall pay a share of the employee's share reduced pro rata to reflect the reduced number of work hours. The State may not pay any portion of the health plan premium for a blind person eligible for the group health plan under subsection 1, paragraph H.

For persons who were first employed before July 1, 1991, the State shall pay 100% of only the retiree's share of the premiums

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2 for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission  
and available to the retiree, as authorized by the commission for  
4 persons who were previously eligible for this health plan  
pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph A and who have subsequently  
6 become eligible pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph G.

8 For persons who were first employed by the State after July 1,  
1991, the State shall pay a pro rata share portion of only the  
10 retiree's share of the premiums for the standard plan identified  
and offered by the commission and available to the retiree, as  
12 authorized by the commission for persons who were previously  
eligible for this health plan pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph  
14 A and who have subsequently become eligible pursuant to  
subsection 1, paragraph G based on the total number of years of  
16 participation in the group health plan prior to retirement as  
follows:

18	Years of Participation	State Portion
20	10 or more years	100% group health plan premium
22	9 but less than 10 years	90% group health plan premium
24	8 but less than 9 years	80% group health plan premium
26	7 but less than 8 years	70% group health plan premium
28	6 but less than 7 years	60% group health plan premium
30	5 but less than 6 years	50% group health plan premium
32	Less than 5 years	No contribution

40 Pursuant to Title 20-A, section 12722, subsection 5, this  
subsection applies to participants in the defined contribution  
42 plan offered by the Maine Technical College System Board of  
Trustees under Title 20-A, section 12722.

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

	2001-02	2002-03
2		
4	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
6	<b>Purchased Social Services</b>	
8		
10	All Other	\$1,140,318
12		\$1,126,113
14	Provides funds for additional infant, toddler and preschool child care subsidies to offset reductions in fund for a Healthy Maine allocations.	
16	<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>	
18	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>1,140,318</u>
20		<u>1,126,113</u>
22	<b>LEGISLATURE</b>	
24	<b>Education Research Institute</b>	
26		
28	All Other	(150,000)
30		(150,000)
32	Deappropriates funds to eliminate funding for the Education Research Institute.	
34	<b>Commission on Interstate</b>	
36	<b>Cooperation</b>	
38		
40	All Other	(76,025)
42		(79,825)
44	Deappropriates funds to eliminate the payment of dues to the Council of State Governments.	
46	<b>Legislature</b>	
48		
	All Other	(100,000)
		(100,000)
	Deappropriates funds by reducing out-of-state travel.	
	<b>Legislature</b>	
	Personal Services	(169,136)

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2 Deappropriates funds by  
eliminating the year-round  
4 payment of health and dental  
benefits for session-only  
6 employees.

8 **Legislature**

Personal Services (32,952) (33,784)

10 Deappropriates funds by  
12 eliminating the award of  
longevity payments.

14 **Legislature**

16 Personal Services (185,938) (210,110)

18 Deappropriates funds from  
20 savings resulting from  
requiring that Legislators  
22 pay for 20% of their health  
insurance premiums.

24 **26 Legislature**

28 Personal Services (64,135) (29,375)  
All Other (89,240) (48,750)

30 TOTAL (153,375) (78,125)

32 Deappropriates funds from  
34 savings realized by  
eliminating funding for all  
36 interim committee meetings.

38 **Legislature**

40 Personal Services (150,000) (150,000)

42 Deappropriates funds from  
44 savings realized by freezing  
legislative employee salaries  
in fiscal year 2001-02 and  
46 2002-03.

48 **Commission on Uniform State  
Laws**

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2	All Other	(26,280)	(27,200)
4	Deappropriates funds by		
6	reducing support for this		
	commission.		
8	<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>(874,570)</u>	<u>(998,180)</u>
10			
12	<b>SECTION</b>		
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<u>\$265,748</u>	<u>\$127,933'</u>

14 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
16 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
18 consecutively.

### 20 FISCAL NOTE

22 This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the  
24 bill by \$265,748 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$127,933 in fiscal  
26 year 2002-03. Based on the estimated year-ending balances, this  
28 amendment maintains a balanced General Fund budget.

### 30 SUMMARY

32 This amendment restores funds deallocated for child care  
34 initiatives and pays for this cost with cuts in the legislative  
36 budget.

38 SPONSORED BY:

(Senator SHOREY)

COUNTY: Washington