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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1033, L.D. 1390, Bill, "An Act to Reinstate the Cost-of-living Factor in the School Funding Formula"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Support Systems		
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000

Provides funds to contract for the acquisition of annual normalized regional cost adjustment data to be used in conjunction with the distribution of General Purpose Aid for Local Schools funds.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

	2001-02	2002-03
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	\$30,000	\$30,000

This bill implements a cost-of-living factor into the school funding formula. A cost-of-living factor will benefit some local school administrative units and will adversely impact others. The amount of the financial impact and the specific units impacted can not be determined at this time.

The Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations of an estimated \$30,000 and \$30,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for certain special services contracts associated with acquiring the normalized regional cost adjustment.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.