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6	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
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14	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 120TH LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1145, L.D. 1548, Bill, "An
20	Act to Amend the School Funding Formula by Adding a Hold-harmless Provision"
22	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting
24	the following:
26	'An Act to Amend the School Funding Formula by Adding a Maximum Loss Provision'
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30	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:
32	the following.
	'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§15 is enacted to read:
34	15. Maximum loss provision. Notwithstanding any other
36	provision of this chapter or chapter 606-A, the following maximum loss provision is established for fiscal year 2001-02 and for
38	each fiscal year thereafter to provide for maximum stability of
40	the amounts of state subsidy provided to school administrative
40	units through the general purpose aid for local schools program.
42	A. Beginning in fiscal year 2001-02, the state share of
4.4	subsidy for each fiscal year for operating costs, program
44	costs excluding the state share of bus purchases and minimum subsidy may not be less than 85% of the state share of
46	subsidy for the preceding fiscal year for operating costs,
	program costs excluding the state share of bus purchases,

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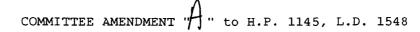
	minimum subsidy and the hole	<u>d-harmless or ma</u>	aximum loss
	provision actually distributed i	n the preceding f	iscal year.
	B. Beginning in fiscal year 20	01-02, if the prop	perty fiscal
	capacity used to determine a	school administra	tive unit's
	fiscal capacity for each fisc	<u>al year increase</u>	s from the
	preceding fiscal year or if the		
	<u>determine a school administrati</u>		
	count for each fiscal year d		
	fiscal year, then a school		
	receive less than 85% of the st		sidy that it
	received in the preceding fiscal	year.	
	Sec. 2. Appropriation. The foll	owing funds are	appropriated
f	rom the General Fund to carry out th	ne purposes of thi	s Act.
		2001-02	2002-03
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G	General Purpose Aid for		
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	All Other	\$7,055,000	\$7,055,000
	Provides funds for the state		
	share of subsidy for		
	operating costs, program		
	costs excluding the state		
	share of bus purchases and		
	minimum subsidy to ensure		
	that all local school		
	administrative units receive		
	at least 85% of the funding		
	they received the preceding		
	fiscal year for operating		
	costs, program costs excluding the state share of		
	bus purchases and minimum		
	subsidy. The appropriation		
	for fiscal year 2002-03 will		
	have to be amended after the		
	level of funding and the		
	funding parameters have been		
	established.'		
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summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT





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2	'FISCAL NOTE
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8	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
10	General Fund \$7,055,000 \$7,055,000
10	The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program will
12	require additional General Fund appropriations of \$7,055,000 and \$7,055,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, in
14	order to fund all local school administrative units for certain expenses at an amount equal to at least 85% of what they received
16	in the preceding fiscal year for certain expenses. The appropriation for fiscal year 2002-03 will have to be amended
18	after the funding level and the funding parameters have been established.'
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22	SUMMARY
24	This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment
26	replaces the proposed hold-harmless provision with an ongoing

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment replaces the proposed hold-harmless provision with an ongoing maximum loss provision for the general purpose aid for local schools program. The amendment requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2001-02 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Legislature provide each school administrative unit with at least 85% of the state share of subsidy that it received for the preceding fiscal year for operating costs, program costs excluding the state share of bus purchases and minimum subsidy. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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