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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 508, L.D. 1595, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Number of Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists to Serve Maine Schools"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§12312.~~" in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~§10,000~~" and inserting in its place the following: '~~§5,000~~'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§12312.~~" by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

'6. Limitation. Loan repayments to eligible persons are limited to 10 new students per year in each year.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§12312.~~" by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

'Sec. 9. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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All Other \$72,000 \$57,500

Provides funds for the establishment and administration of the Maine Speech-Language Education Loan Forgiveness Program and the funds necessary to forgive the maximum number of loans each year at the maximum loan forgiveness amount.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$72,000 \$57,500

The Board of Examiners on Speech-language Pathology and Audiology will incur some minor additional costs to assist the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine in evaluating and improving the program. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.

The bill would establish a loan forgiveness program for certain individuals. The Finance Authority of Maine estimates that it will require \$22,000 and \$7,500 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, for establishment and administration of the program. In addition, an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$50,000 and \$50,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively, is required in order to forgive certain student loans to certain individuals.'

SUMMARY

This amendment limits the maximum loan repayment amount available to each participant in the program to \$5,000 per year and also limits the number of eligible persons who can receive such loan repayments to 10 new students per year in each year.

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

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